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Would you cross this picket line?

Unions protest lockout, unfair labour practices

BY DANNI CRAWFORD

Charges of unfair labour practices against Famous Players are pending after a hiring memo, containing alleged discriminatory practices, was leaked to the B.C. projectionist union.

The memo was given to the managers of Famous Players to help with the hiring of 165 personnel for the new, $21 million, SilverCity at Tillicum Mall. But many union members feel that the anti-union criteria within the memo are grounds for lawful action.

"It's discrimination," said Jim Sinclair, president of the B.C. Federal Labour Board. "It's an insult to every person in the province."

The memo was revealed to the public on Nov. 5 at the protest of the opening of the new theatre.

Under the heading of "Specifics and forms particular to the Victoria Situation," the memo stated, "we [Famous Players] want to ensure that the staff we hire stays non-union."

The memo went on say that non-union personnel are less "likely to become sour towards their work environment."

The managers, using playing card suits, coded applications based upon overall impressions when interviewing possible employees. A spade was a recommendation not to hire, a diamond was for either way, and a club was for a recommendation "to join the club."

"There wasn't anything sinister in the memo," said John Nixon, Famous Players media spokesperson. "We knew that we would be opening the new theatre behind a picket line we needed [to hire] people who would cross that line."

The protest of the opening of the new SilverCity was a demonstration to express the union's horror at a new $21 million facility, and Famous Players' $500 million expansion program, organizers said.

The lockout of B.C. projectionists has lasted almost a year. The companies have proposed wage cuts from 60 to 80 per cent. Recently, the Sony and Famous Players parent company Viacom refused to enter binding arbitration with the union, as suggested by the provincial labour ministry.

Union members say that $45,000 per year is not enough to buy food and support for their families. They argue that the $56 billion net revenue Famous Players acquired last year could be used better.

But Nixon stands by the company's decision to roll back wages.

"We [Famous Players] are trying to secure fair and reasonable wages or the work done," said Nixon.

However, Martin Hoare, a projectionist for 19 years, said the picketing has "gone beyond a battle for wages, it's a battle for dignity."

The B.C. Government and Service Employee Union is having the memo reviewed by legal council. No legal action has yet been taken against Famous Players.

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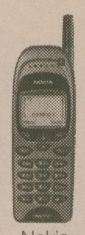

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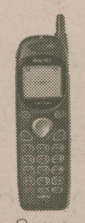

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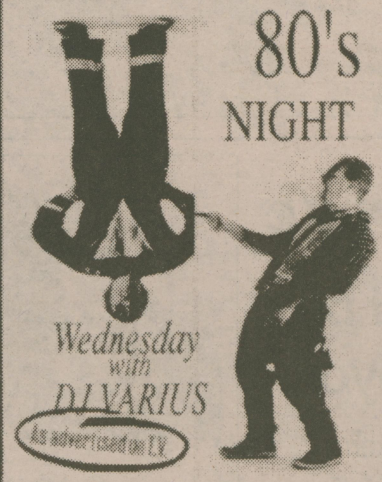

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Citizens search for welfare reform

BY CARMEL ECKER

Although only a few people attended a workshop on welfare reform recently, one issue dominated the conversation. People on welfare should be allowed to keep money earned from casual or part-time labour, argued most of the participants.

"A person gets to the point where they're afraid to work," said organizer Neil Edwards, of Cash Corner Labour Pool at the Esquimalt United Church meeting on Nov. 10.

Edwards' group, the Aarbutus Association, has proposed that people on welfare should "be allowed to earn an amount equal to their [income assistance] cheque" from casual or part-time labour so they can get back up on their feet.

Currently, most of the money welfare recipients make from extra work is deducted dollar for dollar from their cheque. The maximum amount a single person can receive from social assistance is $500 a month, which Edwards says is well below the poverty line.

Jackie Ackerly, co-chair of the New Democratic Party anti-poverty caucus, said that in the past six months her group has been working to get earning exemptions back for welfare recipients.

Originally, people on social assistance received an earning exemption, which allowed them to earn a certain amount of money to supplement their welfare cheque.

According to Ackerly, when the program first came out in the 1970s single people on welfare were allowed $50 and families were allowed $100 extra income each month. With inflation, those numbers were scaled up to $100 and $200 respectively and persons with a disability were allowed to make $200.

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Enviro Studies on recycled budget

BY SARAH DUSTERBECK AND PATTI EDGAR

Students in a program with one of the smallest budgets on campus — as well as one of the highest ratio of students to faculty — want to see a change.

Environmental Studies (ES) students would like to see more resources put towards their program, said ES Students' Association spokesperson Nonie Smith. With more than 250 students, ES has a base budget of $350,000 and only 3.75 tenured professors.

"The school of ES is the fastest growing department on campus and it's got one of the smallest budgets," said Smith. "It probably has a lot to do with the values people place on courses. Commerce and engineering have more value placed on them than ours."

Last spring, a survey showed that most ES students wanted smaller class sizes, funding for an honours and a co-operative education program and more hands-on courses. Students also said the high number of sessionals teaching courses in the department made for inconsistency in course content.

According to Paul West, director of the school of Environmental Studies, the university continues to overlook ES when it comes to both funding and support for the program. "The university takes an approach which doesn't include mass support for the school of Environmental Studies. This lack of support can be seen more by what the university doesn't do. It's not proactive in supporting programs."

As evidence for the university's lack of support, West points out that UVic has no established graduate program, unlike UBC and SFU.

He also argues administrators have been ambivalent towards a student-driven project on campus that is looking at ways to make the university greener.

Lindsay Cole, the co-ordinator of the seven-month old UVic Sustainability Project, says there is mixed co-operation for the undertaking.

"We've got a lot of attention and support from a middle-management level. But the president, vice-presidents, and governors haven't bought into it yet."

Scott Fogden, a political science and economics student who is analyzing environmental content in UVic course curriculums as part of the sustainability project, said all students suffer when the environmental studies department suffers.

"ES links other departments together because it's interdisciplinary. It's one of the few faculties that tailors it's courses to issues that are important to every discipline."

John Schofield, dean of Social Sciences, points out that one of the reasons ES is the smallest program in his faculty is because it doesn't run first and second year courses.

He said ES students aren't the only students in his department feeling the financial crunch since the federal government cut transfer payments to the provinces and British Columbia froze tuition. The Faculty of Social Science has the highest ratio of faculty members to students and one of the lowest allocations of dollars per student.

"It's been difficult across the board in the past several years. In ES, as in other units, we've been doing our best in every way to meet student's demands, but you can only do so much. One hopes that in the next while the budget situation will improve somewhat."

Students in Environmental Studies (ES): 257
Students in Mechanical Engineering (ME): 200
Number of tenured professors in ES: 3.75
Number of tenured professors in ME: 14
Base funding 98/99 ES: $350,000
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on the spot

By Danni Crawford

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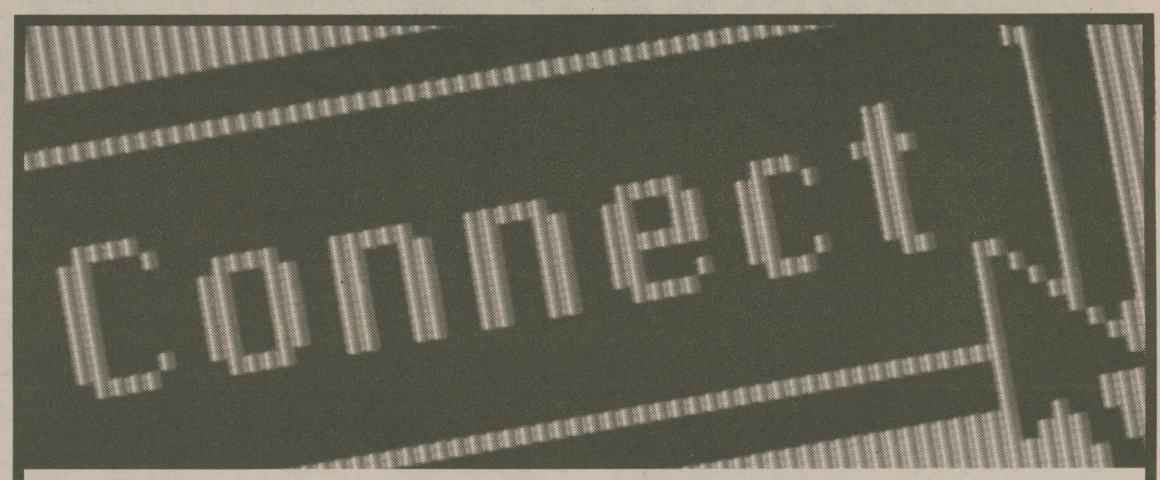

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Sue talks dirty to UVic students

BY KEVIN SMITH

UVic students learned about the birds and the bees during a talk by sex specialist Sue Johanson on Nov. 4.

Johanson openly discussed topics often considered taboo by society, from sex education to masturbation, with the full crowd that showed up for her lecture.

Johanson asked members of the audience to recall their own education and experiences to illustrate how our society views sex and sexual behaviour.

"I try to take the worry and anxiety out of sex," she said. "Sex is more than making a baby – it should be fun."

Johanson also spent time answering questions the audience had written her on cards before the presentation. Questions ranged from more traditional questions, such as "How long should I wait to have sex with my partner?" to the more unusual, such as, "Is it safe to have sex under water?"

The most frequently asked question was how to find the G-Spot, which Johanson answered in graphic detail.

She emphasized the importance of safe sex and being tested regularly. Johanson pleaded to audience members to know what they are getting into before becoming sexually active. "Know what you are doing," she said. "People need to think ahead before becoming [sexually] active."

She warned of the many risks involved with sex. "There are a lot of diseases out there that people are not even aware of," said Johanson. "Chlamydia is a very scary disease, it's almost epidemic and not all doctors test for it."

Johanson began her career in Toronto by opening up clinics in high schools, after she realized that sex education in schools was poor. The clinics were met with an overwhelming response of teens who had questions regarding sex. This prompted her to start talks with students.

Wham bam thank you ma'am! Sue talks about sex to a packed lecture hall.

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After Johanson gained a reputation, she went on to host her own radio show which she began 13 years ago. She then went on to establish the popular Sunday Night Sex Show on the Women's Network which airs on Sundays. Between her television show and radio broadcast, Johanson travels around Canada giving talks to universities.

"Everybody has questions," she said. "People really want to learn."

Although it was her first time at UVic, Johanson was overwhelmed by the response. "This is more people than we counted on," she said as the room filled to capacity. "I still get nervous."

Local programs support women

BY MIRANDA POST AND TASHA MARSDEN

Bridges are being built, not burned, for women in Victoria.

Females from all walks of life gathered at the Pandora Street Women in Need (WIN) store on Nov. 4 for a late celebration of October's Women's History month.

Volunteers from Bridges Employability Program and WIN were on hand to explain the positive work they have done in Victoria, supporting women in their recovery from abusive relationships.

"Women don't always have all the skills that they need once they leave abusive relationships," said Sheila Moult, director of Bridges.

Bridges helps remove barriers to employment for women who have survived abuse and are in the process of rebuilding their lives. Started in 1988, Bridges aimed to help women coming out of transition houses.

"It is a second stage program, for women who need the next step," said Moult.

It now has three comprehensive phases to provide education, counselling and work experience for women. The program is funded by the Ministry of Women's Equality, and has been used as a model for more than 20 other provincially-funded women's centres.

Charlotte Semple, founder of WIN society, started the chain of thrift stores as part of a practical training project in Bridges. The society operates out of three thrift stores in the Greater Victoria area, providing many women in transition with furniture and household packages.

Each year, WIN provides a bursary to a Bridges graduate and a young mother graduating from Victoria High School.

WIN stores are staffed by approximately 100 volunteers and 20 paid employees. Volunteers have access to WIN's Discovery Program, a seven-week work experience project.

"Anytime that anyone supports us, their support goes to funding women in need," said Semple.

On average, WIN donates more than $100,000 to other local non-profit agencies, like Sandi Merriman House, the Native Friendship Centre and the Victoria R.E.A.D. Society. Hundreds of thousands of household goods and clothes are recycled every year at WIN.

This year, WIN sisters got some help from the burgeoning brothers of Velvet who played a free set in the loading bay. Shoppers sorted through retro fashions and house goodies that were cheaper than cheap, getting a taste of free food and funky beats.

"They've done an amazing job creating a business, and also helping women in the community," said Debi Dempsey, a representative from Pacific Coast Savings' community outreach team.

Women's Herstory Month

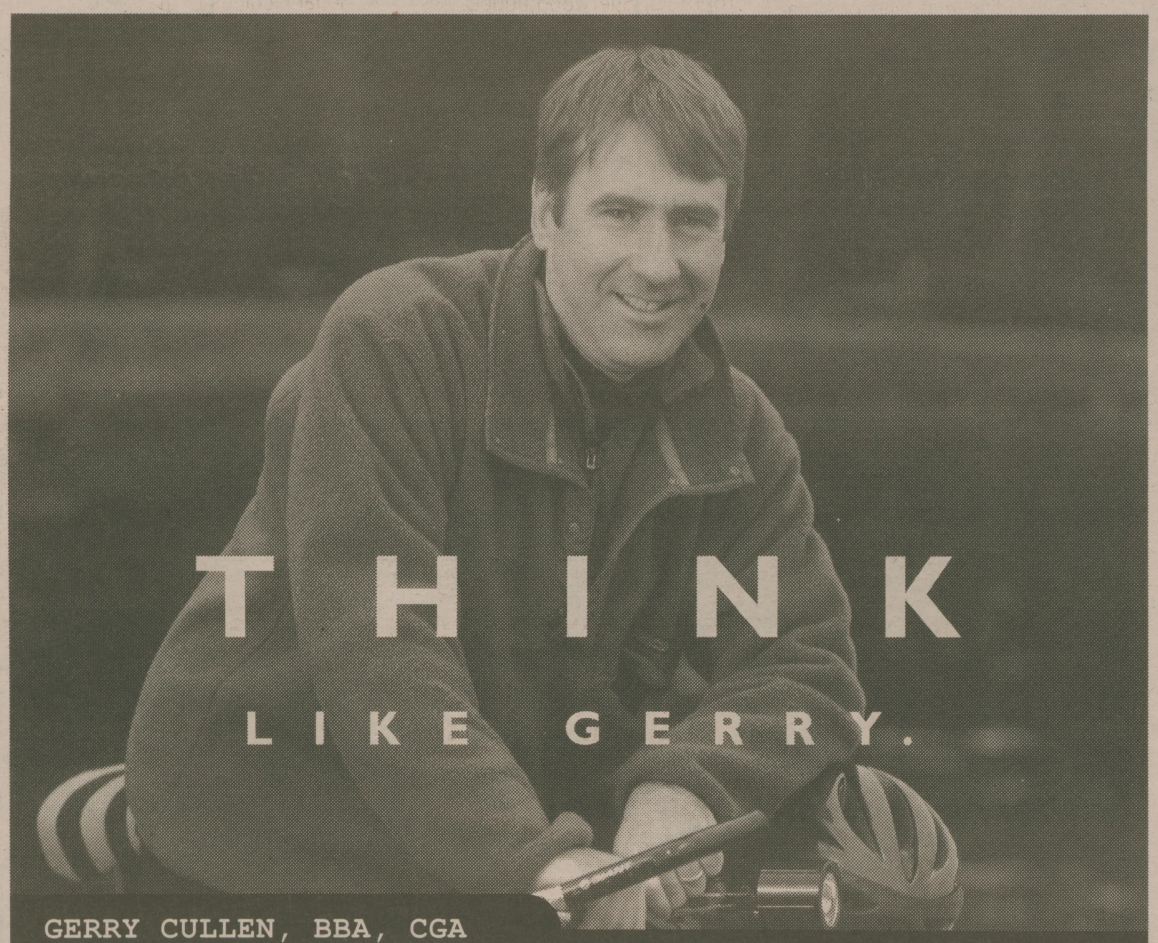
•The first International Women's Day was March 8, 1911. It is now held in October in recognition of the "Persons Case."

•This year's Women's History Month marked the 70th anniversary of the "Person's Case." In 1927, the "Famous Five" (Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby, Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards and Louise McKinney) petitioned the Supreme Court of Canada to review the term "qualified persons" in Section 24 of the 1867 BNA Act. The Court ruled that women were not qualified persons, therefore not eligible for Senate appointment. The ruling was overturned on Oct. 18, 1929 by Britain's Judicial Committee of Privy Council.

• In 1918, all white women were granted the right to vote. Chinese-Canadian and South Asian-Canadian women had to wait until 1947, and Aboriginal women living on reserves were enfranchised in 1960.

• UVic's Women Studies department invited Caribbean-Canadian Makeda Silvera, founder of Toronto's Sister Vision Press, to help launch the celebration of the department's 20th anniversary.

• B.C. boasts the only Ministry of Women's Equality in North America.



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Fernwood centre opens as a resource for Victoria activists

BY PATRICK BEATTIE

Mad geniuses need a home too.

Victoria organizers are setting up a new activist resource centre, tentatively named the Mad Geniuses For A Better Tomorrow, in the back of the Fernwood Community Association building.

The centre serves as a library, meeting place and artist studio for, as its mandate states, "groups and individuals in Victoria raising popular awareness of issues of gender, race and class oppression, indigenous sovereignty and the despoiling of the natural world."

Organizer Ed May said the centre is open to activist groups and individuals who want to prepare for rallies and protests, research essays or who are just interested in becoming informed about current alternative issues.

"We want to provide an alternative resource for social and political issues," said May. "Many of the articles, pamphlets and press releases we have on file here are not readily available from mainstream resources such as libraries and the Internet."

The information collected covers grass-roots issues that often fall below the radar of library collections and Internet resources. Although there is no internet access, free e-mail is available.

The library is small, but it boasts a wide range of books dealing with alternative issues, from the Holocaust to feminism.

The centre's magazine reserves include wider-circulating publications such as *Adbusters* and *The Utne Reader*, as well as the more grass roots *On Indian Land* and *Anti-Racist News*. There are also articles compiled by the Industrial Workers of the World, the Forest Action Network and the Unemployment Action League (UAL), among others, which address local concerns.

Members of these groups have helped to create this space, together with individuals in the activist community.

Lucho Parahona, president of the UAL, helped clean out what had previously been use as storage space for his own group.

Although his group is planning a move to another location, Parahona still volunteers his time at the centre and urges others to become involved.

"The centre's organizers are in need of more volunteers to keep it open," he said. "Whatever work that's been done up to now is going to go to waste if we don't get more people."

One of the priorities of the centre is to help develop unity and interaction within the activist community of Victoria, said May.

By providing a centrally located space and an open policy towards group and individual involvement, the organizers hope that a network of dialogue and support will be established.

May said in other activist centres in Victoria, certain people and groups may have felt there was an atmosphere of exclusivity because of the dominance of one or two core groups.

This new resource centre is dedicated to avoiding that kind of situation, and its organizers are open to new services being installed if there are people with the energy and willingness to do so.

If you want more information on the centre call 386-0351.

"Cheap" degrees offered

BY SARAH GLEN

A controversial senate proposal to reconfigure the number of 300 and 400 level courses required for a minor degree will go before the Board of Governors this month.

The proposal, which limits the number of required minor credits from nine senior-level units to three senior-level units, spurred debate across the senate, who first tabled the proposal in early November.

Terry Sherwood, Associate Vice President of Academic, said the proposal will only affect new, and not existing, minor programs.

"Most minor programs will remain the way they are," he said.

Currently, students need 15 units to get a minor, with nine of those being third or fourth year units. The new plan would drop the number of units to nine for new minor programs because students will only need three third or fourth year units. In theory, a student could take three full-year courses and only one would have to be a third or fourth year course to get a minor.

If the proposal passes the board, it will become policy immediately and affect all UVic students who want to take newly created minor programs, Sherwood added.

Touting the proposal as an important step in offering UVic students a "broader, more multi-disciplined education," Cecilia Freeman-Ward, Assistant University Secretary, said the plan paralleled students' need for more program choice flexibility.

Reg Mitchell, a long-standing senator and chemistry professor, disagrees.

"I'm all for adding value to a degree, but [the reconfigured minor] pretends that it has valour, but in reality it doesn't. This minor added to a degree makes the whole thing look laughable," he said.

The proposal is causing conflicts in the senate and of the few students who do know about it, there are mixed feelings.

"I didn't know they proposed these changes. But now that I know, I don't think that reducing the number of credit units will give us enough of a knowledge base," said Hannah Hilderman, a third-year Spanish major.

Student senator Andrea Coulter disagrees. She argues the new legislation follows the university's mandate to endorse and encourage interdisciplinary education.

"The major concern is that this will rule out quality of education. I don't think that will happen, because the decision still comes down to the individual faculties to make the supreme decision on the number of study credits they will offer," Coulter said.

Group wants expansion of welfare program

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A few years ago, the rules for earning exemptions changed. Ackerly said welfare recipients are now entitled to 25 per cent of any extra wages for one year and then no extra income for two years, though persons with a disability can still make $200 each month to supplement their cheques.

She said the anti-poverty caucus has proposed a flat rate exemption, similar to the old model, which allows single people $200 extra income, while allowing families and people with disabilities to earn $300.

Edwards said a reinstatement of the earnings exemption would enable people on income assistance to get the tools necessary for full-time employment such as a telephone line, a car and insurance in addition to clearing any debts.

A major problem facing the unemployed, Edwards said, is getting enough money together for necessities such as a phone line, for which Telus requires a $200 deposit.

However, the anti-poverty caucus' proposal would come at a cost.

According to Ackerly, the ministry is feeling a lot of economic strain and no longer says, 'Poor people need this.' Instead, the ministry is watching the bottom line.

But Edwards said it can't be good for the economy when people can't find work because of a lack of resources.

The bureaucratic model for earnings exemptions is for the welfare ministry to divide people into two groups, said Ackerly. Those with a disability and single moms with kids under seven would also receive a flat rate earning exemption of $200.

"Employables" – single persons without a disability – would be allowed to keep 35 per cent of their earnings, up from 25 per cent.

Upon reaching a certain income, the latter group would no longer qualify for welfare and would instead receive a $77 per month grant for one year after quitting social assistance.

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Local conservationists time strategy with city elections

BY TIM HARVEY

A local conservation group, The Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC), is calling on volunteers to help with what seems a monumental task: the distribution of 30,000 tabloids before the upcoming municipal elections.

The tabloid states that Victoria is at a critical juncture in its development, and unless parkland is created now, the qualities that make our city appealing will be lost forever.

The tabloid draws attention to the need to protect a "belt" of land and ocean around the Capital Region District, and of the immediate need to do this. According to a WCWC article, CRD growth experts predict a 25 per cent increase in the population of the CRD within the next decade.

If current trends continue, the pattern of development used to accommodate a growing population will take the form of urban sprawl. WCWC argues that this will mean lost recreational opportunities, damage to wildlife habitat, and an aesthetic assault on the city's green backdrop, which is vital to Victoria's billion-dollar tourism industry.

WCWC is attempting to bring the issue of a Sea to Sea Green-Blue belt to the forefront of the elections debate. Diona Davies, a WCWC representative said they've put years of work into this campaign, but strategically, now is the best time to intensify their efforts.

"We'd like it in [the public's] mind so if they have an environmental view they can persuade their leaders to take an environmental stance."

The land and ocean areas in question encompass two ocean habitats, extensive salmon spawning grounds, lakes, and endangered forest. If left unprotected, said Davies, "It's open for development, urban sprawl, and pink condos."

UVSS Briefs

Protester banned from SUB

The UVic Student Society's (UVSS) board banned a protester from the Student Union Building who some First Nations students say is promoting racism on campus.

Lorenzo Bouchard won't be allowed to enter the building if he is wearing placard signs, distributing literature or "verbally assaulting" people.

Native Student Union (NSU) representative Amanda Bedard recommended banning Bouchard after meeting with First Nations students in the NSU. "What he is distributing and saying is very racist and offensive," she said.

Last month, a UVic professor sent a letter to UVic's president asking that Bouchard be prevented from wearing his signs and distributing his newsletter on campus. According to the director, Dr. David Strong refused on the grounds that Bouchard's materials were not hate literature.

"I think that given the fact that the university is refusing to recognize this person is offensive it would be a strong sign of support if the UVSS banned him," said Bedard.

Strong said he could not comment on the issue.

UVSS endorses Fleming

The UVic Students' Society voted to endorse board member Rob Fleming in his run for a seat on city council, despite initial concerns by the UVSS chair that it could contravene policy.

Morgan Stewart said he had worries about endorsing Fleming, who is running as a candidate for the New Democratic Party-affiliated Victoria Civic Electors. But Stewart changed his mind after realizing the policy calls for the board to maintain "a non-partisan position that doesn't endorse any political party."

"We can't support a party, but we can support an individual," he said.

UVic student Nigel Papadakis is running for a council seat in North Saanich, but is not endorsed by the UVSS.

-by Patti Edgar

UVic religious studies lacking

BY JORGE BARRERA

Tennessee, 1925. The brilliant orator William Jennings Bryan loses the Scopes Trial to Clarence Darrow who successfully defends the right of John Scopes to teach evolution to school-aged children.

University of Victoria, Jan. 19, 1999. UVic Chancellor Norma Mickleson says she would like to see UVic become a place, "where the academic study of religion can be taken seriously."

The tables have turned.

At UVic the study of religion is trying to make inroads in a primarily secular curriculum.

"[Religious studies] has not been a traditional part of our curriculum. All departments deal with it, but not as a fixed feature," says Dean of Humanities Dr. Ian MacPherson.

According to Dr. Michael Hadley, UVic's acting director of the Center for Studies in Religion and Society, the fact all departments deal with aspects of religion is an important reason why the study of religion is necessary in an academic setting.

"Any aspect of human experience is worthy of consideration," says Hadley. "It informs our view of the world and the values of human nature. Religion continues to shape reality. It has a great impact on culture."

When asked why a university curriculum would leave out an important field of study like religion, Dr. Hadley replied, "short sightedness."

"Without an appreciation of religion we can't have a full understanding of literature and history," says UVic Catholic Chaplain Kate Fagan. "Religion is part of what makes us human. If we can explore that in an academic context, we can explore real issues in people's lives."

MacPherson said there is not sufficient interest and pressure to establish a religious studies department on campus.

However, he also sees the advantages of having a department like this on campus. "UVic would benefit from a religious studies department."

Since UVic opened in 1963, it has been swept away by a secular trend which dominated the past 30 years.

Fagan, in a recent column printed in the Island Catholic News, wrote: "UVic is still recovering from a social illness of the latter 20th century...religiophobia."

The Notre Dame graduate says there are a lot of misconceptions on campus about religion. The subject is taboo despite the fact there is wide student interest.

Evidence includes long waiting lists for courses like the education department's course on children's spirituality, and a busy chaplaincy center.

And Fagan says several students have come to her looking for resources for academic research because the library's holdings are thin on the topic of religion.

The university doesn't fund religious student services on campus. The salaries of chaplains on campus are funded by outside sources and the interfaith chapel was built through community funds. The university provides office space and promotion.

UVic's strong secular leanings became obvious when controversy surrounded the opening of the Center for Religious Studies and Society in 1991.

Hiker wants protected parks

BY DAVID BROWN

After hiking more than 3,000 kilometres, Karsten Heuer is promoting the conservation of wildlife spaces.

Heuer, with the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y), was on campus Nov. 3 to raise awareness about a plan to link isolated wildlife parks in "a seamless map from Yellowstone to the Yukon."

Wildlife islands are emerging between the areas, he said. Parks and animal sanctuaries are being cut off from each other by increasing human development. When a crisis arises in an animal population, such as a disease or an increase in inbreeding, the population is unable to escape or disperse.

Heuer said wildlife parks in North America aren't effectively conserving the lives of large carnivorous animals, specifically grizzlies. The immediate situation isn't critical, but in future years, it could become so.

The idea isn't to create an enormous park or stop development, but sustain an awareness that a wildlife corridor is essential and can be easily maintained.

Heuer made it clear Y2Y is interested in "keeping what exists today," not creating "a mega-park or one huge protected area."

One of Heuer's initial concerns was the reaction Y2Y was going to receive from people living within the boundaries of the project.

"There was a skeptical side of me as well: what about the people living in these areas?" he said.

He did not want these people to misinterpret the conservation initiative's desire to "uncap these islands and provide for connections" as an attack on local economies and rural communities.

Heuer spent two years crossing the 3,400-km area, a hike he refers to as a "symbolic journey." His expedition has resulted in a greater understanding of human interference with the ecosystems in the corridor.

After climbing up and down more than 100 mountain passes, Heuer calculated the total range of altitude to be equal to moving from "base camp to the top of Mount Everest 20 times."

He encountered several rivers that took three to four hours to cross, mazes of icy crevasses which would often result in dead ends, and even the odd frustrated black bear.

When in the most challenging of circumstances, Heuer said he had a favourite chant to get him through the day: this is only temporary.

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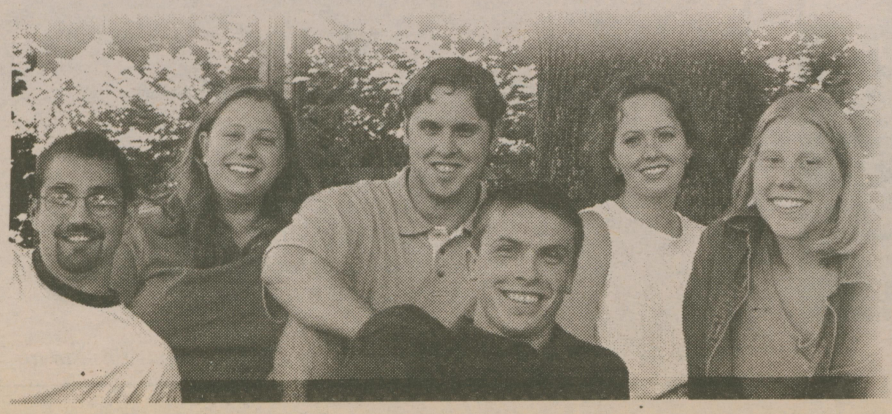

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Law student attacked, suspects hate crime

BY HEATHER K. CYR

FREDERICTON (CUP) – Robbie Peterson is breaking his silence.

The first-year law student at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) is not allowing the bruises and abrasions caused by a late-night attack to stop him from voicing his concerns about the silence over hate crimes.

Despite discomfort from the stitches that put his eyelid back together, Peterson is using his battered face and strong voice to tell Fredericton that he and many others have had enough.

"I think it's quite frightening to think that you can be walking home alone on a Saturday night with your friends and be assaulted by a complete stranger for who you are," Peterson said.

The attacker confronted Peterson on Nov. 6, while he was returning from a downtown gay-friendly bar.

He walked with his friends until they got to Regent Street, and then started to go home alone.

It was just past St. Dunstan's Catholic Church on Regent Street when Peterson was grabbed.

He was struck in the face but caught a glimpse of his attacker before he ended up on his knees — using his hands to shelter his head from the attacker's kicks.

The attacker left him, yelling "faggot, what's wrong with you?" and Peterson only answered, "just trying to get away from you."

The attack happened during a busy time of night with many people going to and from the local hotspots. Peterson remembers seeing a mini-van, but no one stopped to help.

Police are looking for help from those at the scene. The attacker may have been alone but Peterson isn't completely sure.

Once the attacker left, Peterson made his way to a near-by payphone and called 911. Police arrived and rushed Peterson to hospital where his eyelid was sewn up.

Peterson said the police aren't looking at this as a gay assault.

Andrea Baldwin, Peterson's friend, said it was lucky he wasn't injured more severely.

"Fredericton is outraged, the gay and lesbian community is outraged, the school is outraged and we are not going to tolerate these kinds of attitudes that lead to these kinds of crimes," she said.

"I'm not afraid to say why I think he did what he did. It was completely unprovoked. I don't recognize this person," added Peterson.

The law faculty at UNB is rallying in support of their fellow student, said Dean Anne La Forest, and have tentative plans for a safe walk for law students.

La Forest expressed anger and disbelief at the assault, but pointed out "the important thing is that we are here for Robbie."

"The law school has been absolutely incredible," Peterson said. "Especially the faculty. Their response to the situation has aided in the police investigation. It's also made me feel a lot more secure in staying here."

"If I didn't have them I would be gone. I would have left law school," he said.

Nursing shortage continues

BY DALIAH MERZABAN

VANCOUVER (CUP) – The nursing shortage in British Columbia has prompted a provincial health committee to recommend an urgent increase in the number of student spaces available in the province's nursing schools.

In a recent interim report, the B.C. Ministry of Health Advisory Committee on the Recruitment and Retention of Registered Nurses recommended the province fund 400 additional seats in B.C.'s 15 nursing schools.

"It's obvious that there's a nursing shortage in this province," said Michelle Stewart, communications officer for the Ministry of Health. "[The committee's] first priority is boosting the number of seats in B.C. nursing programs."

The announcement is welcomed by nursing officials, who say too many qualified applicants are turned away each year from B.C. nursing schools.

Last year, there were an estimated 2,600 applicants for the 949 spaces in the province's nursing schools, according to statistics released by the B.C. Registered Nurses Association (RNA), an organization representing over 28,000 registered and licensed nurses in the province.

The association has been lobbying the government to increase funding for nursing education.

This year, the nursing school at the University of British Columbia (UBC), which takes on roughly 60 new students each year, had to turn away 75 qualified applicants in the first-year of nursing and 42 qualified applicants applying in the third-year.

Sonia Acorn, acting director of nursing at UBC, said the university can accommodate 20 additional students in its third-year program. She believes a lot of the funding B.C. dedicates to nursing is misguided.

"The government has put more money into advertising and recruiting but there's no place to recruit," she said. "There really needs to be

more nurses prepared."

Acorn added the health sector is already experiencing shortages in speciality areas, such as critical care and intensive care units, and operating rooms.

RNA statistics show almost 50 per cent of B.C.'s nurses are from out-of-province, while over 90 per cent of B.C.-educated nurses remain in B.C.

"The vast majority of nurses educated in B.C. remain in B.C. to practise, yet this province has always relied on outside recruitment to meet its nursing needs," said RNA president Lorraine Gillespie. "With a global shortage of nurses, we can't rely on recruitment from other provinces and nations. We must educate our own."

To further compound this problem, 48 per cent of practising nurses are due to retire within the next 10 years.

Joyce Black, RNA education consultant, worries this will result in greater competition, leaving the province unable to rely on getting nurses from outside B.C.

Other provinces, says Black, are in "dire straits" to get nurses and, as a result, are offering benefits like full-time employment, relocation expenses and mentors for new nurses.

Considering 50 per cent of nurses in B.C. are part-time or casual, Black said recruitment is not the only challenge the province faces.

"Recruiting new people is only one piece of the puzzle. What we have to be able to do is to find decent jobs for the new graduates so that they'll stay here and work here," Black said.

But Stewart said the benefits B.C. offers to nurses are the best in Canada.

"A lot of it has to do with making sure that nurses have a chance to use their full range of skills as opposed to doing work that would traditionally be done by other workers in the healthcare system," she said.

Black, however, said nursing conditions must be improved to keep nurses in B.C.

"We can graduate all the nurses we want, but if the working conditions are such that they're going other places to get better conditions then it doesn't matter how many we graduate," she said.

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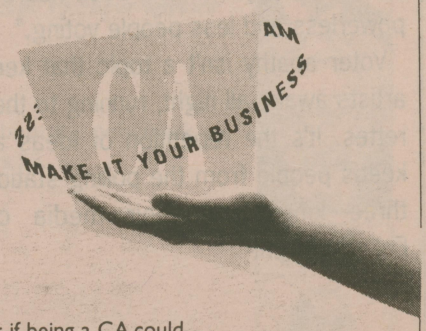

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Editorial

Vote for the "Crackpots"

They are questions philosophy students and artists drain pint glasses and fill ashtrays over in smoky coffee shops and basement pubs: Does the media reflect society or does society reflect the media? Is the hierarchy of issues (local and global) manipulated by media or dictated by the masses?

The answer is in the form of another question: Can you name three people running for mayor in Victoria?

You probably don't even care. But if you've read the local daily or listen to the radio you might be under the impression that only three people are running for the top job: Bob Friedland, Alan Lowe and Geoff Young.

These three "would be kings" have graced the front pages of *Monday Magazine* and the *Times Colonist*, while the remaining nine candidates are the banished jesters in the courts of relative obscurity.

Granted, these frontrunners have paid their "dues" sitting through endless council meetings and facilitating countless committees. Friedland is quick to point this out.

"It's reasonable for media to focus on those with the best chance and most involvement in council," says the self-touted lone left-wing voice.

That is the problematic integer in the equation that reads: long-time involvement equals best for the job. This is a dangerous combination which produces stagnancy. There is no question that there is a lot of tired old blood and a lack of creative ideas in city council.

Apparently the media has been caught in this very cycle. They have been recycling the same very male, very upper-middle-class voices and as a result have been ignoring fresh voices with fresh ideas. So much so that coverage of the elections has stagnated, allowing for long-winded articles on how much Friedland knows about Victoria, how fast Lowe is at answering a quiz and how slow Young is at articulating his point.

"I feel totally discriminated against," says mayoral candidate Rita Hanson. "In this election money talks and bullshit walks." No subtext here.

Diane Paul, who was in the running for the high-backed chair but dropped out due to health reasons, says that unless you have money you don't have a chance. "Just look at who's getting the publicity."

Discrimination of this kind is not subject to mayoral candidates. Council hopefuls have felt the media's cold shoulder.

Dave Ovans says that at public forums the questions asked and who they're directed at reflect media coverage. "At one meeting in Fairfield [on November12] candidates walked out."

In the first half hour of the meeting the moderator addressed every question to our three crown princes. At one point, while the questions were flying at these three golden boys about policing, candidate Eloise Charest spoke up and said she had something to add to the discussion. She was silenced for speaking out of turn. Subtext: she wasn't Friedland, Lowe, or Young.

"I don't get a chance," says Paul MacCarthy. "Public meetings do not allow for a chance to talk." He feels that the local media should focus more on independent candidates than they are.

Dean Fortin, another council hopeful, sees a connection between voter apathy and the media's selective coverage.

"I've been knocking on doors, while the media's been talking about the multiplex. While maybe one in 50 voters feel that this affects their daily lives, transportation is the big issue that no one talks about. The media controls the agenda and after the election voters will say I haven't been heard. This leads to voters feeling powerless and less people voting."

Voter apathy isn't a topic that keeps philosophy students and artists awake all night, running to the 7-11 for new packs of cigarettes. It's the repetition of ideas and faces in the media that keeps people from the polling stations. To the guillotine with the three kings and their media cronies. It's time for the Enlightenment.

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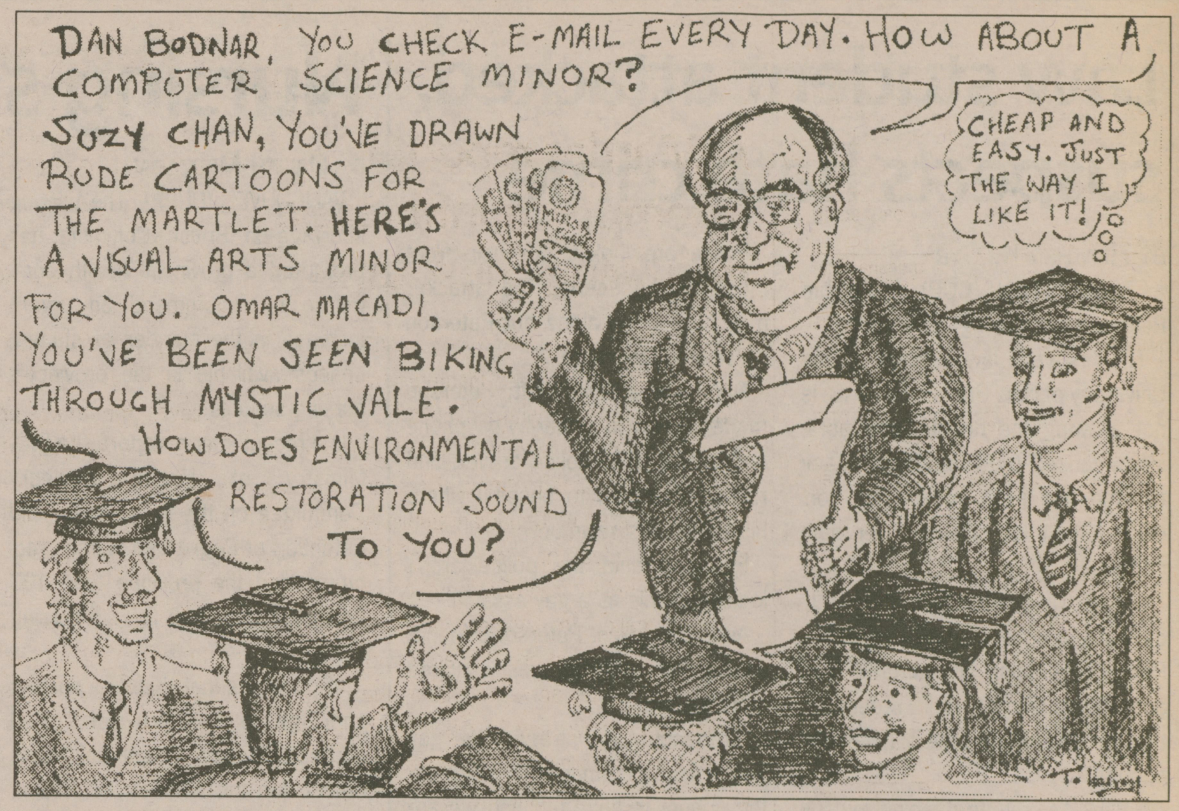

First it was nine upper level units for a minor degree. Then it was three. What's next?

letters...

A Poetic Complaint

The following original poem is dedicated to the UVic Philosophy department, who took steps to remove my 17th and 18th century French comedy class from the vicinity of their offices, because we were "extremely noisy" (read: one moderately loud presentation of a few scenes of Moliére, and a couple of videos played briefly at normal volume, over the course of six weeks):

I thought to myself that it might be topical
To ask why philosophers are not philosophical
When a sound emerges from the class next door
Though barely enough to even shake the floor.
When given opportunities to be heroic
The UVic philosophers are far from Stoic
And their greatest joy comes from the speedy removal
Of all those who fail to meet with their approval.
They forget that Socrates endured a little noise
To argue in the agora with Plato and the boys
And furthermore, they do not seem to see
That aught exists in life except Philosophy.
French comedy withdraws; Philosophy rejoices
But – to be sure – without raising their voices.
So beware of falling foul of the Dept. of Phil.:
Intellect sky-high; tolerance nil.

Clarissa Aykroyd

An Apology

It has been brought to my attention that the cartoon which appeared on the first page of the April 1999 issue of the Ombudsperson's Report has offended some members of the University community, that it was inappropriate for the report and in bad taste. I would like to apologize for the inclusion of the cartoon and for any offense it has caused.

Martine Conway

The Martlet is full of shit

The Martlet is somewhat amusing in its quest to save socialism, an ideology whose relevance is on par with Milli Vanilli. It dawned on me one day that *the Martlet* editors have no clue of its actual application (read: failing).

I am calling your bluff.

Martlet editors: Have you lived or worked in a resource-based town, or gone to work at the pulp mill/mine/logging site? Were you or your parents one the 20,000 forest industry workers who lost their jobs because of NDP stumpage fees?

Do you have any credibility?

If you had any first-hand experience in a town decimated by regulation, you would change your politics faster than you can say "Das Kapital."

Personally, I think you are full of shit.

Either you lived in a small town (which is doubtful) and oblivious to the evils of regulation, or you are from an urban centre, supporting socialism without a clue of the struggle of the real workers of BC.

Either way *Martlet* editors, follow this procedure:

Take that "Economics for Idiots" manual you call the communist manifesto, grab it with both hands, turn that son-of-a-bitch sideways, and stick it straight up your rudy-pooh, candy-ass!

M. Collins

The truth hurts (Martlet-holics)

When you think of the new millenium, you think of an event so gigantic that it changes the course of history. You think of the dawning of a new era. A new era is exactly what this once proud, respectable paper sorely needs. What was once a captivating, trend-setting weekly has now deteriorated into a clichéd, and let's be honest, boring, snooze-fest that is in dire need of a knight in shining armor.

Let's go over the facts. Weekly readership is in a downward spiral. Ad income is plummeting. Mainstream acceptance is non-existent. The reaction of the readers is complete and utter silence. I know why you're silent. You're silent because you're embarrassed to be a part of *the Martlet*, and quite honestly, I'm embarrassed for you. The reason why you're embarrassed is the steady stream of uninteresting, untalented, mediocre "print entertainers" who you're forced to cheer for, and care for. No wonder you're not cheering. You could care less about every single nitwit on *the Martlet* staff.

You people have been led to believe that mediocracy is excellence. This is untrue. Y2K is here; either accept it or be left behind in the dust. The world will never, and I mean ever, be the same again.

Parry Malm

November 11, I remember...

I remember gutted corpses lying on the road; bombed buildings and hungry dogs; camps with brutal guards and rats and not daring to go to sleep for fear of being attacked by them. I remember burnt-out tanks and dead soldiers lying in grotesque positions. And above all, I remember that it was these soldiers who made it possible for me to live the life I live today.

I look around me and I see that the University also remembers: the death of the women who were killed by a crazed person, and the fact that Xian Zemin was not in Beijing during the Tiananmen Square massacre (and therefore could be a candidate for an honorary doctorate from the University).

The University is closed this year on November 11. It is Reading Break. The University has not arranged for a memorial service for those who died so that we could have freedom – academic and otherwise. After all – the University is closed.

Is there something wrong here?

Am I the only one who sees in this a skewing of values?

Eike-Henner Kluge

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A date with the Fraser Institute

A Martlet reporter attempts to infiltrate a ring-wing think tank

BY PATTI EDGAR

The day of the Fraser Institute's free student seminar I was giddy with anticipation.

The cover of the innocuous brochure promised that I would be able to "meet, hear, and question leading experts in Canadian public policy" and explore my "ideas on key economic issues" with other students at a Victoria hotel on Nov. 11.

When I called to register, Vanessa Schneider promised me that after 10 years of hosting seminars for students across Canada, the non-profit organization knew how to deliver a thought-provoking day of learning. Victoria was the fifth stop in 10 of Canada's cities where students could immerse themselves in issues such as forestry, education, health care and tax policy.

What Vanessa didn't mention — and what the Institute's eight-page brochure saves for the bottom of the last page — is that the Fraser Institute's objective is the "redirection of public attention to the role of competitive markets in providing for the well being of Canadians."

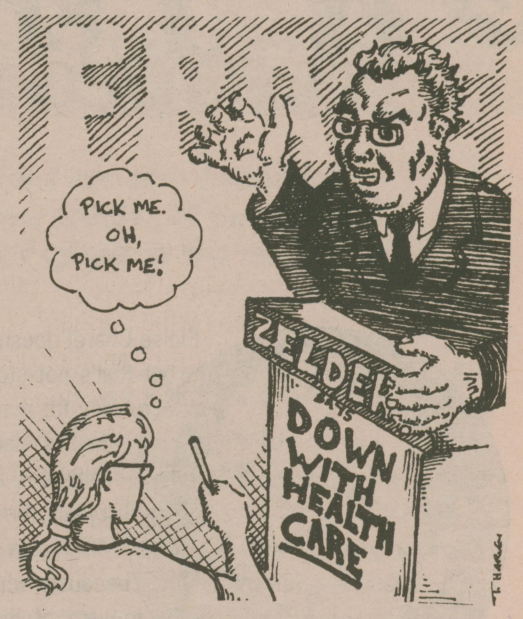
Although the organization is secretive about who contributes to its copious budget — which was $3 million in 1998 — 10 years ago it published a list of donors that read as a roster of Canada's largest corporations, including oil and gas producers, logging companies, banks, insurance companies and car manufactures.

For students with a keen sense of market solutions to social problems and a knack for rubbing elbows with the foremost thinkers in far right-wing ideology, the day of learning can be the first in a series of free lunches, flights, and seminars courtesy of Canada's elite. Although I don't know a competitive market from government control, I was determined to make the cut. From what I'd heard, students who impressed the conference leaders could receive an invitation to the Fraser Institutes' Eighth Annual Student Leaders Colloquium, which will be held in Vancouver next spring.

When I received my seminar kit in the mail, I had my first taste of just what Canada's blue-chip corporations were interested in teaching students like myself. First of all, two of the "experts" were members of the Fraser Institute, another was Mel Smith, a lawyer infamous for his anti-Nisga'a treaty book *Our Home and Native Land*? The preparation reading material got right to the point. Crime, argues Paul Brantingham, can be cured through increased policing, not investing in social spending such as "welfare programs, summer employment programs for teens, job training programs for young adults, and so forth." Mel Smith believes the treaty process will fail because it relies on a tradition of collective, rather than private ownership rights and gives First Nations people the power to live by their own laws. The Institute's Martin Zelder wants young people to know that taxpayer dollars spent on health care is "money down the drain" because "government enterprises inherently lack the profit motive's impetus to reduce costs and satisfy customers." I prepared myself for a long day of Fraser Institute force-feeding.

I arrived at the hotel five hours late. After mumbling an excuse about how my entrepreneurial spirit had kept me up all night, I entered a seminar room full of about 40 people in time to hear a group of articulate students, including First Nations students, grilling Mel Smith on his "tragedy of the commons" philosophy. One UVic student questioned Smith about his statement that the "prairies were vacant" before the Europeans came along. Mel, a grandfatherly figure, blustered. "Your taking that out of context," he replied. A moment of uneasiness ensued. It was obvious that a handful of lefties had infiltrated the group. A keener in the front row broke the tension with his whiplash-causing nods. "I understood, intuitively, what you meant, Mr. Smith."

Question period was cut short by Zelder, who herded the students into two groups for discussion with seminar leaders in separate rooms. I was in Smith's group, where the conservative students sat silently pouting as the lefties, sometimes not so eloquently, railroaded the discussion. After 15 minutes of circular debate, most of the students returned to the seminar room to hear about how to be successful in the 21st century. Sipping on a complementary ginger ale in the hallway, I noticed Smith writing down the names of the students who had told him after discussion group that they shared his views. Now that he was alone, I sensed my chance to become a Fraser Institute insider. I walked over with a big smile, but then couldn't really think of any free market solutions to the Indian crisis. I stammered. "Hi, I'm Patti Edgar. Weren't you a director of the



Canadian Taxpayers Association? I think that is a way cool organization."

I didn't notice him writing down my name or anything.

After the final discussion group, only a handful of students remained for the draw for Fraser Institute books. The three UVic students sitting next to me, who had attended the seminar on the recommendation of their Health Information Science professor, left to go shopping at Club Monaco. All the lefties had left, because as one ever-so-insightful economics student put it, "they can't smoke books." I stuck around and won a book on the evils of environmental education in grade school that included such well-informed statements as "there is some irony in the description of global warming as problematic, since human history can be described as a struggle to stay warm."

As the 15 or so students who stuck it out started collecting their jackets to leave, I thought I would make one last attempt at getting my name on the list of Fraser Institute potentials. Before walking up to the top dog in the room — Zelder who is a director of the organization — I imagined a couple of witty comments about how much I enjoyed jiving about economic freedom. But once I reached him, I resorted to apologizing profusely for missing most of the seminar and begging for a spot in the Vancouver student forum.

"I'm sorry. I can't just put you on the list," said Zelder, kind of compassionately. "But let's hope your insightful comments during discussion impressed the seminar leaders."

My invitation to the Eighth Annual Student Leaders Colloquium hasn't arrived in the mail yet.

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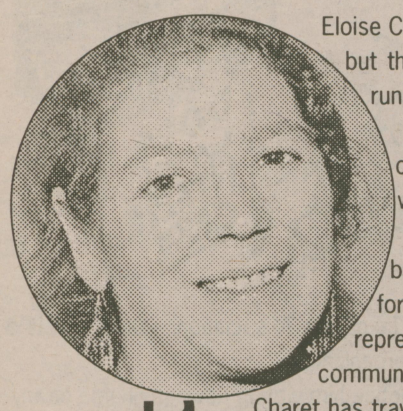


Eloise Charet doesn't live in Victoria but that's not stopping her from running for mayor here.

"In this election only three candidates are known," the woman from Nakusp says.

"It's not a true democracy because whomever comes forward of the three will not represent all the citizens of the community."

Charet has travelled from her home in the small community deep in the Kootenays to continue her fight for the poor and the environment.

A winner of a human rights award last year from the Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition, Charet has worked with orphans in Cambodia and trekked across Canada to bring attention to the need for clean water.

The single parent of five says her greatest achievement was being thrown in jail and fasting for two months in an attempt to save the watershed in her local area.

—Kristin Froneman

mike dewolfe

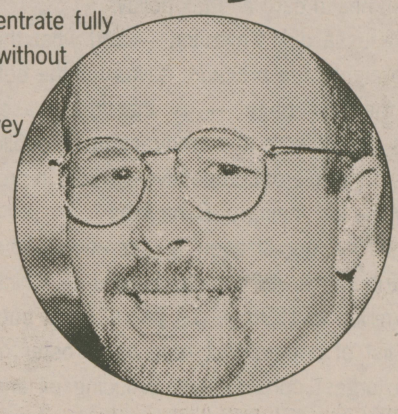
Mike Dewolfe steps into the mayoral race with a background in Victoria's computer industry.

He is a social thinker who seeks to improve city life through more efficient transit sytems.

He points out that more affordable housing would enable cash-strapped students greater access to education. He views environmental and social problems as two sides of the same coin; if quality of life were enhanced by traffic reduction, he points out, so would be the quality of our air.

Running without party affiliation, Dewolfe feels he'll be able to concentrate fully on efficiently running a city without hidden party agendas.

—Tim Harvey



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—Heathe

rita hansen

The two most important words to Rita Hansen in her mayoral campaign are "open forum."

Hansen wants everyone to get involved in what happens in their community.

"If we're going to work together, let's really work together," she says.

Hansen would like to see people in the community have a say in what happens to their tax dollars.

She says in an open forum system, people would pay more attention to what's happening in their community and vote in elections.

Hansen says having to work for everything she has given her an open mind, honest values and respect for others.

—Carmel Ecker

aiko shebib

Aiko Shebib is 24 and a visual art student in Victoria. Her ambition as a mayor would be to alleviate poverty, which she sees as a symptom of a divided community in need of healing.

Shebib believes we do not need more jobs, but meaningful jobs; caring for the environment and people instead of corporate work.

She has worked with such groups as the Association of Consumer Empowerment and Feed People Well Gardens. Shebib feels the main goal of the community has been forgotten in the persuit of money. She is optimistic that communities working together can find solutions to their ills.

—Tim Harvey

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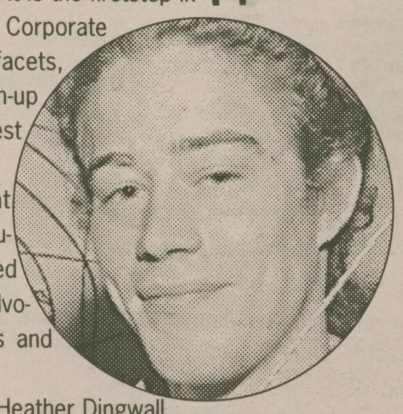

Candidate Christopher Guest's slogan should be, "Once you know, you can't not know." The goal of this on-and-off eight-year Victoria resident is to "stir people's consciousness of the environmental factors, and make [them] wake-up to [their] own individual responsibilities." He is an avid supporter of amalgamation not only for Victoria, but for "the whole planet." Guest said that he belongs to the "rag-tag" 101 Candidates Party, AKA "New Sense."

Guest admits being enviromentally conscious is difficult, but believes that it is the firststep in saving his son's future." Corporate greed is taking over local facets, and people should clean-up their act in consuming," Guest said.

He also feels that Environmental Studies students should have advanced education, and is a big advocate of hydrogen fuel cells and composting.

—Heather Dingwall

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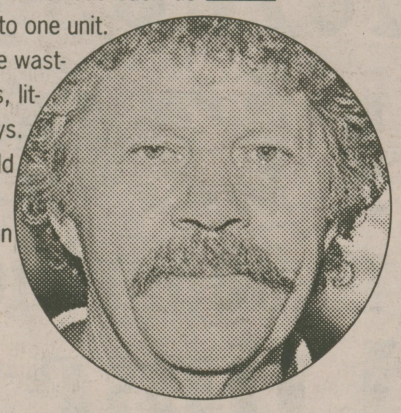

UVic students may recognize Allan Whittal.

For 21 years the father of one worked as a bartender and caterer on campus and most recently served beer at the Grad Lounge until retiring two years ago.

His son is a UVic graduate and his wife still works here as a grad secretary in the Physical Education department.

Now busy as a freelance carpenter, Whittal says he would like to see the annexation of Esquimalt and Oak Bay, their councils replaced by an elected manager and services such as fire and police integrated into one unit.

"I don't think we should be wasting money on little fifedoms, little groups of power," he says. "One area manager would work fine."

—Kristin Froneman

The Martlet was unsuccessful in contacting candidates Paul Michael Charlie, and Lance Waterman.

Dianne Paul told the Martlet that she has dropped out of the mayoral race.

Bob Friedland, Alan Lowe and Geoff Young are also running for mayor in the City of Victoria.

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—Jorge Barrera

Saanich

Municipal elections are also happening in Saanich. Below are profiles of three of the people running for mayor in the municipality.

frank leonard

Frank Leonard says Saanich should be safe and affordable.

On safety, he says, the municipality needs a "good community-oriented police department," to help ensure safe streets.

Leonard also says he supports the New Youth Strategy program that offers teens services such as drop-in centres, skateboard parks and adventure outdoor programs instead of traditional recreation centres.

"We have to start thinking outside the box," he says.

Leonard says his government has and will maintain fiscal responsibility partly through a soft freeze on hiring in which civil servants' positions are reviewed after retirement to determine whether they should be refilled.

—Carmel Ecker

brian mayzes

Brian Mayzes says the government must get back to basics.

He says the government has to ensure residents are provided with essential services such as sewage and water.

"Residents of the CRD (Capital Regional District) are overgoverned, overtaxed and underserved," he says.

Mayzes says he would like to see a more efficient government in Victoria with fewer municipalities.

He says he will take a look at anything that will save taxpayers money.

Mayzes also says he would like to look at legalizing secondary suites so they can be regulated and made safe, which would especially help students who can't afford other housing.

—Carmel Ecker

barb wutze

"Housing is my number one thing," says Barb Wutze. "We have rights to safe housing."

Wutze wants a quality of housing that she says the current government of Saanich is not providing because "affordable housing is not in the plan."

She says she believes safe housing is particularly important for students because many can't afford adequate residences.

Wutzke would especially like to see secondary suites legalized "so people have rights as tenants." She would also like environmental issues such as those surrounding sewage and water in Victoria cleared up because right now she says "our supernatural image is gone."

—Carmel Ecker

The Martlet *was unsuccessful in contacting the fourth Saanich candidate, Laery Braaten.*

Oak Bay

Because no one chose to run against him, Chris Causton was acclaimed as mayor of Oak Bay. He will be serving his second term governing the municipality.

Chaps talk tour, dancing hippies and keyboards

BY PATRICK BEATTIE

On a recent chilly and pleasant Monday evening I met with the reserved yet dapper Dave Gowans, frontman of the Buttless Chaps, at Steamer's open mike.

Between bevvies, (and during, actually) we discussed many deep and meaningful things, some of which pertained to recent foibles and new acts of music by the Chaps. The group has been laying pretty damn low recently — their Hallowe'en gig at Thursday's with the Dogbreath Brothers and God-Shaped Vacuum was their first since August — but the remnants of fall, the approaching winter and spring promise to be rife with potential for making weird good music and getting it to the people who need it. Or so I'm told.

P: So Dave, would you like to talk about keyboards?

D: I've always been obsessed with keyboards, and recently I found out that the other members of the Chaps had a strong interest in them as well, especially the keyboard player. This summer we decided to do a Hallowe'en show of 80s material. On our tour we heard Styx sing "Mr Roboto" and we were listening to a Kraftwerk album, Depeche Mode, etc. A couple of garage sales and pawn shops later, the keyboard was accumulated, as well as an electronic drum set purchase by Torben [the Chaps' drummer].

We've also started writing new songs besides the covers which have more keys than guitars. More of a soundscape approach, I guess. I don't know if that's the right word. But, to answer your question, yes I would love to talk about keyboards.

P: Would you like to talk more about keyboards?

Buttless Chaps bring the house down.

Martlet photo by Nicole Staebell

D: [pause] I think more people should take their old keyboards out of their basements and sell them at garage sales. And Vocorders [which are synthesized voice modulators].

P: You're working on new material, hey? Does that mean you'll be laying down some fat tracks in the studio?

D: Yeah, we're going to be recording with Tolan McNeil, a friend of ours. I think it's going to be a lot different from our other albums [of which there are two]. The songs have less structure to them. We want to create more space in the music and I think the keyboards will help with that. It should be interesting.

P: Sounds like movement towards more ambient soundscape-type stuff.

D: Yeah, we're working on some tentative things in that direction as well. We have ideas to perform a soundscape to a series of photos that Lassa [Chaps' guitar player] took. Also something similar where we'd be improvising to art work by Oak Bay High art students.

P: Is it ever dangerous being in your band?

D: Yes, we actually had our lives threatened while we were on tour this summer. We played a bar called Stan's Place in Saskatoon and we were warned by the bartender there "If you don't start playing Garth Brooks they're gonna get ugly." Also, when I attempted my first ever high-kick on stage at the Hallowe'en show, I slipped on some fake blood and landed on my tailbone.

P: Ouch.

D: I've been to the doctor twice since it happened. I don't think I'll try anymore kicks. It was during "Master and Slave" by Depeche Mode. The show was recorded and that song will probably be on a Thursday's compilation cd that will hopefully come out in January. It's also going to have Carolyn Mark, the Dogbreath Brothers, Ford Pier, Run Chico Run, Dixie's Death Pool and others.

P: What other shows are you playing soon?

D: Well, we'll be playing Vertigo on the 19th, we've got three shows in Vancouver this month at the Railway Club and the Sugar Refinery, and we're also planning to tour again in the spring to Toronto and back. So, things are going to be getting busy for us.

Our evening at Steamer's seemed notably strange. Maybe it was all the metal in the air from so many acoustic guitar strings in the house; maybe it was the insane dancing hippie, who was spinning himself into a 30-year-old time trap; maybe it was the impromptu and more than a little drunken performance by Lennie Gallant, on tour from Halifax; or the sporadic sound of smashing glass. Regardless, it was good clean fun.

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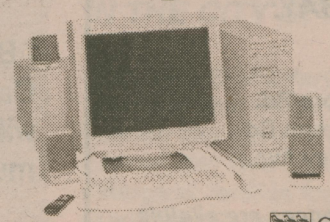

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Ballet BC dances into Victoria

BY ALEXANDRA CRUIKSHANK

Ballet British Columbia returned to the Royal Theatre for the third year in a row to open the Victoria Dance Series 1999/ 2000 season last Friday.

The performance was preceeded by a pre-show "Dance Chat" and a number of community events. John Alleyne and dancers from the company held a Talking Dance lecture demonstration at the Canadian College for the Performing Arts.

"The company is offering activities and services to serve the community, which enhances the experience of [ballet] in a variety of ways," said Durand. "...Talking Dance gives an in-depth look at how a piece of choreography comes together."

Many of the pieces within Ballet B.C.'s repertoire are emotionally and intellectually focused. The story lines are not as important as the emotions the stories evoke.

"The essence of dance performance is bodies moving in space, evoking images and emotions for the audience to carry away with them," said Alleyne. "The impressions, emotions and overall experience have to effect mind, body and heart."

Ballet B.C. depends on the strength and talent of its classically trained dancers to evoke the necessary emotive response from the audience. Alleyne chooses the dancers for their individual strengths. "I look for individuality, the ability for an individual to evoke emotion in the audience and thinking, creating artists," Alleyne said.

Alleyne encourages his dancers to become involved in the process of choreography. "The Goldberg Suite", which was presented at the Royal Theatre on November 12, is a reinvention of "The Goldberg"; a two-act ballet created by Alleyne and a number of Ballet B.C.'s dancers in 1998. Both pieces are set to Bach's "Goldberg Variations" and are based on the ideas of sensuality, spirituality and intellectualism.

Ballet B.C. will also present "Chiaroscuro", originally choreographed in 1994 for the New York City Ballet's Diamond Project. "Chiaroscuro" sees its Canadian premiere with Ballet B.C. this week in Vancouver. Also on the program is Barry Ingham's "Zero Hour."

Before the creation of Dance Series in 1997 Ballet B.C. had not appeared in Victoria for over eight years.

"The ecology of dance makes it difficult to tour. It is difficult to come into a community you are not familiar with," said John Alleyne, artistic director of Ballet B.C. "Before I couldn't take the artistic risk. With a series there is a person with an investment in the community, someone who is going to take care of you. Someone with connections within the community which is the most important thing."

"When I joined Ballet B.C. seven years ago there was a possibility for growth because of the company's size and its mandate 'to create and present ballets of our time,'" said Alleyne. "My job is to lay a foundation, a solid structure so when I leave the company it will be able to continue."

Many believe that Alleyne has succeeded in laying that foundation. In his seven years with the company it has evolved and grown from a company that was struggling both artistically and financially into a strong, stable and highly respected one. The 13-year-old retinue now competes with Canada's best, despite its young age and size of only 14 dancers.

Much of Ballet B.C.'s popularity comes from its unique repertoire, dominated by Canadian choreographers, including Alleyne. After debuting in New York in 1994 the company returned in January 1999 to present an all-Canadian program.

"There are some choreographers that everyone uses, for a small company to have an identity it needs a mark of its own. I see Ballet B.C. as a platform for Canadian artists," says Alleyne. "We have some of the most creative artists in the world and I am proud to present their work. Ballet B.C. is the only company in North America showing this type of dance. That's why they wanted us in New York."

Since Ballet B.C. was created in April of 1986 the dance community in British Columbia has grown. Ballet B.C. appears twice each year at the Queen Elizabeth, their home theatre in Vancouver. The company also presents a series called DanceAlive, which brings dance companies from around the world to perform in Vancouver. And the company's participation in the Victoria Dance Series has further extended B.C.'s dance community.

Ballet British Columbia performed its final piece for this season in Victoria on November 12th.

The Charlatans UK integral part of British music scene

The Charlatans UK
Us and Us Only
Universal

BY NICOLE BRANTON

The Charlatans U.K. have been a staple of British pop since the release of their first album Some Friendly, in 1990 and now, with the release of "Us and Us Only" they continue to hold their place as an integral part of the British music scene.

The album begins with the song "Forever" that sets a dark tone for the album by incorporating orchestral sounds and brooding lyrics. The song which follows is an electronic track "Good Witch, Bad Witch 3" that fits in well with today's trends in music. The style then changes again with "Impossible" that has strong guitar riffs that seem reminiscent of "the Rocky Horror Picture Show" and American rock from the 70's. The album continues in this vein changing musical styles from traditional British pop to good old rock and roll without straying from a sound that is distinctly the Charalatans U.K.

The album is consistantly good throughout and a pleasure to listen to, yet something is missing. Lyrically there are no high or low points and nothing that really stands out as inspiring. The album does not take any risks with both the music and the lyrics. The Charlatans U.K. appear to know they are an established band and have put out an album that fits in with that role. Over all I would recommend it because it is a decent pop album. Just don't expect more than a little fun or anything too innovative.

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Everyone in Fred Perry

BY JONATHAN ROTHMAN

Okay, kids. How to spend a Friday night in November, here in rainy Victoria? Clubbing? Say, at Legends? Been there, hated that. Movies? I've already seen American Beauty. Thanks anyway, though. Cow-tipping? Don't tease me. How about a night of mad ska at the local peeler pub-cum-aggressive music venue? I'll take it.

The November 5 double bill at the Icehouse saw Nanaimo's The Kiltlifters open for Seattle's Easy Big Fella in a combined scorching ska venture. The show was the first presented by Enigmatica Entertainment, a new and welcome ska and reggae-based promoter on the scene. Headed by Dane Roberts (promoter of previous ska shows such as Justin Hinds & the Dominos, and the last Easy Big Fella show, both in 1998) and Robert Letts (DJ of CFUV's Skankster's Paradise), Enigmatica's evening provided a coordination of ska tunes, door prizes, and a good, sweaty dance floor. The crowd packed Icehouse, both young and old alike. It was Friday night and the crowd was ready to SKANK.

Easy Big Fella hams it up for the camera photo submitted

First up were The Kiltlifters, a sextet of self-described "Gourmet Canadian SKA." With a pounding (but danceable) set of horns-heavy, progressive ska tunes, The Kiltlifters were in-house favourites from the moment they took the stage. The band played songs from their album "Pass The Popcorn," which includes such colourfully explored topics as Sara Lee ("Sara Lee, come back to me/ you make good fuckin' cheesecake"), Guiness ("the beer that eats like a meal"), and the crowd favourite about masturbation Jedi-style, "Whackin' the Wookie."

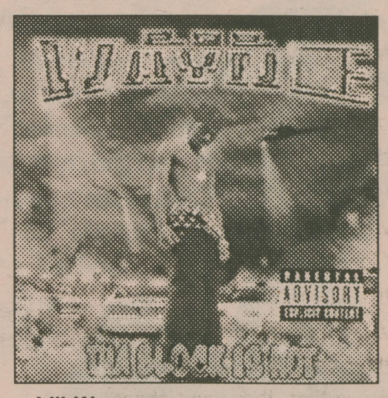
Lead vocal duties were shared between the horns section featuring Matthew Carter and guitarist Pat Westmacott, adding to the group's ensemble appeal. The Kiltlifters crushed their set of about fifty minutes, and I urge all local ska fans to watch for their next gig.

After The Kiltlifters left the stage to boisterous applause, promoter Dane Roberts kept the activity going between sets with a door prize draw that featured a "Stomp Records" skateboard and some Kiltlifters pins.

The Seattle ska experience known as Easy Big Fella was up next. The show's headliners, they did not disappoint the zealous assembly of "skanatics," executing tunes from their current album, "Tasty Bits and Spicy Flicks." The group's seven-piece array of bouncing ska was given additional garage grind thanks to Mike Birenbaum's Hammond B3 organ. Birenbaum shared lead vocal duties with guitarist Rick Dybae, but all the rhythmic and horn-blown sections of the group came to play hard. And the crowd was happy to have Easy Big Fella put a little skank in their tanks. The band fortified their already-strong set of original bouncing smokin'-horn ditties with excellent cover versions of the 1970's classic "Theme from Baretta," Lee "Scratch" Perry's "Roast Duck," and a couple of Wailers tunes.

As I tipsily skanked my way to the evening's close, I realized what a fun time the show had been. Although the ticket booth and coat check were a little slow, the name Enigmatica Entertainment is one I know to keep an eye on. It's safe to say that ska fans got what they came out for. I did, anyway. And I didn't have to overturn a single bovine...but I did tip the bartender.

Wayne and Mel C. not too young



Li'l Wayne
Tha Block Is Hot
Cash Money Records

BY DAVID ISRAELIEVITCH

This is possibly the biggest surprise of the year. Now, before you start shaking your head in disbelief, all you little closet "Back That Ass Up" fans have to understand that Cash Money has got a specific formula, at which they are the very best. Lil Wheezy, despite being the youngest member of the New Orleans-based Cash Money Brigade, also happens to be the tightest lyrically. The rest of the crew shows up of course, and if you like that classic gangsta-ish, there's plenty of it here. Check for "Kisha," a posse track reminiscent of NWA's "She Swallowed It." Everyone also shines on "Loud Pipes."

Oddly enough, Lil Wayne only has five solo songs out of the album's 17 tracks, but they may be the best. "Lights Off," "F*** Tha World," & "Up To Me" are three beautifully crafted compositions by producer Manny Fresh, and Wheezy rocks all of them by himself. Most blatant underground heads will sleep on this, but anyone who takes this craft seriously is going to have to give respect to all the different effects and intricacies involved in Fresh's production. Damn, I might be into this whole southern-fried mardi-gras shit after all. Who knew?

Psy-zmographic rating: 74

Melanie C.
Northern Star
Universal

BY CHRIS JAMES

I believe Mel C. herself said:

"I'm not even that good of a singer, I'm just f!@$ing lucky."

As I see it, she's just f!@$ing lucky I'm as tolerant of a chap as I am. Aside from the puerile lyrics, the singing and music are actually okay (though I'll not expound upon the evils of chimes and swishy string arrangements). Unfortunately, there is a frantic range of style from R&B to Latin Invasion to some kind of wimpy industrial which I won't stoop to categorize. My opinion, of course fraught with as much humility as a bombast can muster, is that this would have been a good album if it had had some manner of common thread (not to mention lyrics worth their salt).

At least Melanie C. has a little more in the way of genuine attitude than the Spice Girls did.

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The Murder City Devils rock icy skidville

BY GOLDEN MA

On November 6th Seattle's Murder City Devils rolled into Victoria for what is turning out to be a semester of top acts playing our little city. I had looked forward to this show ever since the Murder City Devils played to rave reviews in Vancouver, and the previous postponement of their Victoria date did nothing but contribute to the anticipation. The fact that one of the more tattooed bands on the west coast was going to play in a part-time strip bar that boasted the most tattooed strippers in the city, was a recipe for an evening of rock and roll.

As with every other show in this city, the crowd gathered for the evening seemed more intent on smoking weed and not showering rather than checking out the tunes. After two lackluster opening acts, the Devils opened the set to a half-empty dance floor. Nevertheless, lead singer Spencer Moody dove in with typical intensity along with his Chuck Berry versus Morrissey swagger. His Guns N' Roses belt buckle said it all. They were here to drink beer from a can and rock the United Nations. It wasn't until they played "Johnny Thunders" that all the skid marks in the crowd woke up and remembered they were at a rock show. To prove that, they went ahead and trampled some poor girl on the dance floor. That special moment was succeeded by Mr. Wozzle climbing on stage and showing us his dong.

Murder City Devils rock Icehouse.

Martlet photo by Glen Plummer

The intrepid Icehouse security staff then swooped down like Navy Seals and escorted Wozzle out, pants around ankles et al. This was followed by a quick roughing up and the words, "Stay out fag!" However, they were eagerly apologetic afterwards and let Wozzle back with a warm handshake.

Meanwhile, the band continued to bust out one track after the other, playing tunes from both albums, especially from *Empty Bottles, Broken Hearts.*

They played a tight set, with few audible mistakes and seamlessly flowed from one song to another. The entire band seemed into the set, especially guitarist Dan Gallucci who implored the half-wit audience to stop beating on each other. Farfisa Organist Leslie Hardy was her usual gorgeous self. In trademark Murder City Devils fashion, the drum kit was lit on fire and the evening was capped off with a hip-swaggering thunder-crunch rendition of "18-wheels." Spencer seemed to be relating to most Victoria girls when he belted out the lyrics, "I never want you to be a sailor's girl / To be a truckers wife / To be left behind / You should know / You should know I'm thinking of you."

The final song was accompanied by everyone getting on-stage for a free-for-all-tit-grabbing-bum-fuck-orgy. For one evening, I felt I was at a great rock & roll show. I felt like I was staying at the Moore in Seattle, checking out one great band after the other. I felt like people had finally realized progressive house in Victoria sucks and that the Gestapo vans that the police drive around in downtown are truly scary. For 90 minutes, the band had rocked my brain senseless, and that is a true bargain for six dollars.

Thanks to the Devils – who are truly bad-ass muthafuckers – for having the hairy balls to pick this lame-ass town up by its un-washed jeans and rocking the dirt out of its dreadlocks.

Bragg's b-sides better than bootcamp beats

Billy Bragg
Reaching to the Converted
Universal

BY DAVE CLEMENTS

I've always thought collectors of rarities and B-sides need help.

Anyone willing to cough up $30 for say, a barely audible bootleg of a 1987 Prince concert in Milwaukee, is suffering as far as I'm concerned.

But judging by the sales generated by box sets and compilations – which often consist of little more than crappy out-takes, covers and re-issues – there are a lot of you out there.

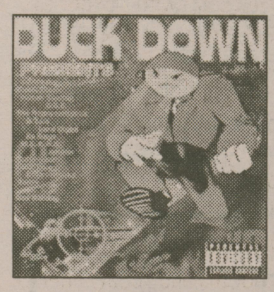
However, English political songwriter Billy Bragg's newest offering, *Reaching to the Converted*, is the exception to the rule. While this collection of B-sides and alternate versions of the bloke's tunes from the past decade will appeal to the obsessed fan, it's also a good album on its own.

We get such gems as Bragg's covers of Ry Cooder's "The Tatler" and The Smith's "Jeane." In addition, better versions of songs like 1986's "Wishing the Days Away" and 1985's "Days Like These" are included.

If there's a problem with this cd, it's a lack of continuity. The songs sometimes jump back and forth in time rather abruptly, like from the rough cut of "Walk Away Renee" to the smooth 1996 version of "Rule Nor Reason," then back in time again, to the gritty "Days Like These."

Since most of these songs are available on previous recordings, most dedicated fans won't be interested. That said, if you're like me and you've lost or damaged your old vinyl versions of these songs, this is a great buy.

It's also a good choice for any newer Bragg converts, who want to get a fuller picture of how Mr. Bragg got to where he is now, and where he might be headed in the future.



O.G.C.: *The M-Pire Shrikez Back*
Duck Down Presents

BY DAVID ISRAELEIVITCH

Here are two cds that really failed to capture my attention. OGC's new joint, although not awful, was simply devoid of any real reason to listen to it, with a few exceptions of course.

Lyrically, Top Dog, Starang Wondah, & Louieville Sluggah are pretty much the same as they've ever been, which is something that became ancient in '95. At least there are a couple of alright beats, though. While far from exceptional, true Bootcamp heads should enjoy "Shit Happens" & "Slo Mo," produced by Rebell, as well as "Dirtiest Players in the Game" & "Set Sail," produced by JT. All in all, though, you'll probably end up feeling this stuff is much more trouble than it's worth. It was nice to see that they threw the Heltah Skeltah/Saukrates track on the Duck Down project, but Sauk's lyrics sounded better when he used them for "Get Touched" four years ago. Anyhow, this album is slightly broader than OGC's because it involves the whole crew. "Eye of the Scorpio" is a decent track that Buckshot sounds pretty cool on, but Rock is the one that actually murders the song. Other than that, I failed to see any reason why Bootcamp will get any heavy rotation, except from the loyal fans. It's not that they sold out or anything, but since the family album the whole Duck Down sound has been really tired. Even a Lord Digga appearance couldn't save this one.

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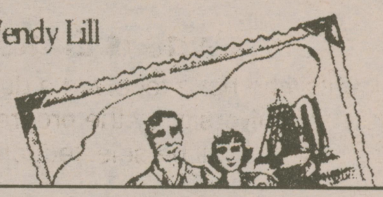

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Bringing home another banner

BY DENA VANDALFSEN AND CRAIG BATTLE

Over the past two years, there have been only two things UVic sports fans can count on. One: women middle distance dominance. And two: women's middle distance dominance.

Constantly UVic top-ranked teams in basketball, soccer, and field hockey have fallen in the playoffs to weaker teams, and worse, Canada West rivals. But this past weekend in Kingston, Ontario, the women's middle distance squad nabbed its second consecutive CIAU national championship gold medal.

UVic placed five women among the top 14 in the lone five kilometre race. Stephanie Mills was the Vikes' top finisher at third place. Barbora Brych placed fourth, Larissa Managh sixth, Brandi Heisterman 11th, and Wendy Cocksedge 14th.

"Brych, who placed second last year, was dealing with an injury until just a month ago," said head coach Brent Fougner. "She ran way above her fitness level."

For most, the team's victory was no surprise.

"UVic were the favourites in the race. They took off with the lead pretty quick," said Fougner. "All of the top three could have taken first."

Mills qualified for the World University Games with her performance. Her 17 minute 40 second time was her best time this season, but was not a flawless performance.

"She took off a little too quick. It took away from her ability at the end of the race," said Fougner. "The experience she gained from racing last year had helped."

The course itself has sharper corner's than UVic's regular Beacon Hill run, but there aren't any steep inclines to accomodate.

"The terrain wouldn't have mattered anyway," said Fougner. "Our team was ready to run."

Brent Fougner was also named CIAU coach of the year – for the sixth consecutive year.

On the men's side, UVic's Graham Cocksedge's 30:47 was good for gold in the men's 10-kilometre race. His team's performance was good for sixth in a field of 17.

Cocksedge's time also broke a course record by more than one minute. Fougner called it a "phenomenal" run.

Second-place finisher Jamie Epp of the University of Saskatchewan finished 24 seconds later.

Fellow Vike Bruno Mazotta finished fifth and joined Cocksedge on the first-team All-Canadian squad and the World University team.

Guelph took top honours on the men's side.

Fougner said that the men were a little disappointed because the women won a national title and they didn't.

Other than Cocksedge, the men are a very young team.

"To have rookies place in the 40's and make the All-Canadian team is above average," said Fougner. "The team has a lot of potential and I look forward to the next couple of years."

For the cross-country teams, CIAU's are not the end of the season, only the midpoint. Mills is heading to Japan on a National team and gets back just in time for the next run.

On Nov. 27 Mills, Heisterman, Cocksedge and Mazotta will be joined by teammates Craig Babiuk and Kris Swanson travelling to Toronto to represent BC at the National Championships. All five runners qualified for the provincial squad at the B.C. club provincials on Oct. 30.

Cocksedge, is looking for a run to qualify him for the World Championship team.

"He can put it together and do it," said Fougner. "He is running at that level."

Women's soccer season ends early

BY JENNY KIRKPATRICK

The UVic women's soccer team did not head to the CIAUs held in Waterloo this past weekend. The Vikes took third at the four-team Canada West Playoffs held in Saskatchewan from Nov. 5 to 7.

In a single knockout format, the Vikes were out after their first game, losing to UBC 3-1 on Saturday.

The Vikes got down early, and went into halftime behind 3-0. Both teams had equal opportunities in the second frame, but the lone goal came from the Vikes' Rina Rolinski.

On Sunday the Vikes battled it out with Saskatchewan for third and fourth. Vikes' keeper Megan Olesky stepped up in overtime to make crucial saves that snagged Victoria the bronze medal.

Overall the Vikes are positive about their play this season.

"We're a new team and we had a lot of work to do throughout the season. Our goal was to make the playoffs and we did," Vikes' midfielder Tricia Warrender said. "We learned a lot. It took the entire season, but we played as a team. We always wanted a 90-minute game."

Vikes captain and fifth year sweeper Hilary Scott took home the Canada West All-Star defender, and Theresa Neiman took honourable mention in the same category. For Scott, midfielder Michelle Brown, and defender Deb Byersbergun, the playoffs were the last games wearing Vikes colours.

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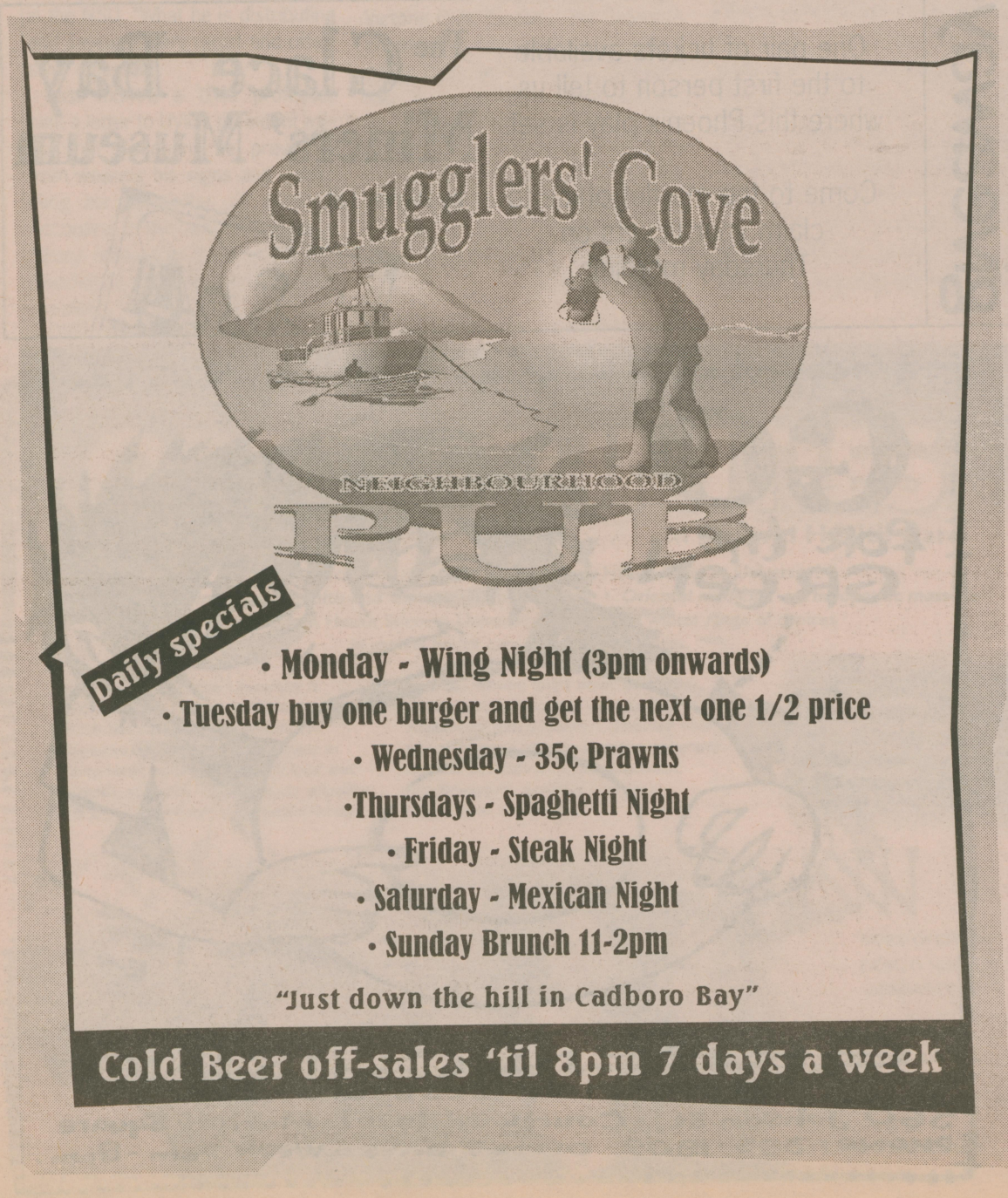

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Men's rowers not happy with finish

BY PATRICK O'SULLIVAN

A shrug and an apologetic smile. Mr. Loudmouth Gavin Eaton – the man who could deliberate on the benefits of being silent – could only produce a shrug and an apologetic smile when confronted with how the men's varsity eight, of which he is a member, performed at the Canadian University Championships in St. Catharines November 5th to 8th.

Yet, despite Eaton's abnormal loss for words, his actions aptly summed up the men's success this season.

A depletion in the number of quality rowers for men's head coach Howie Campbell to choose from left few people giving UVic a chance to repeat past victorious performances. Even Campbell was skeptical about his varsity crews' hopes at the nationals.

"If there was ever a year for someone to beat us," he said at the beginning of the season, "this is it."

The East Coast schools, perpetually second to the West Coast rowing powerhouse, didn't neglect the rare opportunity to be recognized as having the premiere national rowing program. Brock, the host school, claimed top honours winning the eight, pair and overall points championship. In second place was Western Ontario, while UVic was in an unfamiliar spot, with third overall.

Despite the low expectations going into what was the most important regatta of the year, the varsity members were disappointed with their results. Strong performances at the Head of the Gorge and Elk a week before nationals had lifted the team's confidence.

Surly spirits coming back from Ontario had little hope of being changed as, only a few days after having returned, the team once again left for the Head of the Lake regatta in Seattle. Even in years when UVic's program was particularly strong, boats from The University of Washington (UW) tended to dominate.

This year proved no different as UVic, unprepared and flustered, raced poorly and finished in much the same way, ending up behind UW as well as the University of Oregon.

As much as the men's team lived down to expectations, the women exceeded those placed on them. From the first regatta of the season, the Deep Cove classic, to the University championships, the women remained undefeated.

Though last year's success of winning all but one race at the nationals was not repeated, the eight and pair won, and UVic finished well enough in all other categories to claim it's fourth straight national women's championship. No other school has ever won the championship – the regatta was only started four years ago.

The lone glitch in an otherwise perfect season was this past weekend at the Head of the Lake regatta where the American women's national eight was a surprise entry. Though results were not posted at the time of printing it's not pessimistic to say that the Americans finished first with UVic or UW in second.

The Head of the Lake is the denouement of the rowing season and a second or third place finish can do little to erase the achievements of a successful campaign. The victories at the Deep Cove, the Gorge and the Elk, as well as the maintenance of the winning streak at the nationals ensures that the young crew representing UVic this year maintained the Vikes high rowing standard.

Vikes cage Cougars

BY JORDANA FROESE

The men's and women's basketball teams enjoyed mixed results in their home openers this past weekend.

The woman's team was surprised by the fast and determined Cougars and fell 84-68, for their first loss of the season.

Despite a good defensive effort by second-year guard Lindsay Anderson, the women had trouble defending the perimeter passing of the Cougars. Their lack of defense resulted in several three-point opportunities for Regina guard Bree Burgess. The Vikes can also attribute the loss to their own poor outside and freethrow shooting.

Vikes guard Lindsay Brooke takes the point against Cougar Crystal Heisler.
Martlet photo by Rachel Kiers

Forward Corrin Wersta, of the Regina Cougars, led the scoring with 26 points and helped her team beat the Vikes on the boards 33-21. Janet McLachlan was a presence under the hoop for the UVic and netted 18 points.

Regina was only ahead 43-40 at the break, but the Cougars jumped ahead after the half. Three points was the closest the Vikes would come to beating the nationally third-ranked team.

The men's team recorded their third victory this Friday, with an 85-64 win over the Regina Cougars.

The Vikes dominated the Cougars through strong rebounding and shooting. UVic controlled the play at both ends through most of the game, and had little trouble breaking Regina's press. Offensively, the Vikes played a solid game, led by forward Etienne Orr-Ewing and Jason Crawford, who both had 14 points.

The Cougars came within 9 points of the Vikes, after a 22-11 run in the second half of the game. But they were not able to stop Vikes guard Keith Bustard, who treated the crowd with 23 points for his team. Regina was kept at a disadvantage because of a taller Vikes team.

The following evening, UVic battled Regina again, but this time both teams came out on top. The women stepped up their defense and were awarded with a 65-59 win over Regina. In the men's game, the Vikes defeated the Cougars 82-67, despite a strong effort by the Regina team.

The men's Vikes were only up 38-36 at the half because of weak offensive play under the boards and were out-rebounded by Regina 18-12. The Vikes also faced a pelting of outside shots from the Cougars, who attempted 21 overall, but only connected for 6. Fortunately, the Vikes forwards picked up the pace in the second half and slowly left their rivals behind.

Vikes guard Ali Wilmott shone on the score board with an impressive 29 points. Teammate Orr-Ewing had 18 points and Steve MacDonald had 14 for UVic.

In women's action, the Vikes rebounded from their loss and kept up with the running Cougars to win 65-59. Regina trailed by 7 most of the game, but UVic shut down the Cougars' passing lanes.

Kim Johnson played an aggressive game for the Vikes and came out with 12 points.

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Men's soccer settles for CIAU bronze

BY DENA VANDALFSEN

The medal wasn't the colour they wanted, but the UVic men's soccer team settled for third in a field of six Sunday afternoon.

"It was a good weekend, a good crowd," said Vikes' head coach Bruce Wilson.

The scarred field in Centennial Stadium attests to the four days of battle played out under typical Victoria rainy skies.

Victoria's round-robin pool was named "the pool of death" by Western Ontario Mustangs' head coach Rock Basacco before the first ball hit the field and foretold the fate of the UVic squad.

No matter what the final outcome, fans who made it to a game, were treated to skillful competition under extremely wet conditions.

Thursday

The first matchup of the tournament saw the third-ranked McGill Redmen edge by the sixth-ranked Carleton Ravens 1-0. Forward Mathieu Harding scored the lone goal. The horrendous weather was a factor in the game that saw a young Carleton squad receive four yellow and two red cards.

On familiar turf and in front of the hometown fans the Vikes relished a 5-0 thumping of the fourth-ranked Dalhousie Tigers in the rain. Dominic Butcher, Canada West MVP for 1999, posted another shutout between the pipes for UVic.

The country's leading goal-scorer, Dalhousie's Jeff Hibberts, was denied by the UVic defensive line. Ken Laity was given Hibberts as a special assignment and kept him in check.

In the 22nd minute UVic's Jake Mouritzen headed in the first goal off a corner kick by Brian Eggiman. Seven minutes later Kevin Gilbert sent the ball into an empty net as teammate Scott Speed had drawn out Dalhousie goalkeeper Grant Sperace.

The Tigers stepped up their effort, but went to the dressing room two goals behind at the half. UVic forward Jason Owen scored midway through the second half. Midfielder John Gilbert added his second goal and Darren Leukefeld capped it off with the fifth goal in the 88th minute. "The whole team played well, our strength is 18 players, not just two or three," said Wilson.

At one point in the game, over 1000 fans uttered a collective gasp as goaltender Butcher made contact with a hard shot that seemed to go by him, but he reached back to scoop it out one-handed to preserve his shutout.

Wilson played deep into his squad on Thursday, making seven substitutions to keep the team fresh for Friday's game against the second-ranked Western Ontario Mustangs.

Friday

The early game saw the fifth-ranked Alberta Golden Bears outscore the McGill Redmen 3-0. In the 16th minute, Kurt Bosch put the ball past McGill keeper Jason Forsyth.

The Vikes didn't fare so well. Victoria took a huge upset at the hands of Western Ontario. Western ended Vikes' keeper Dominic Butcher's season-long home shutout streak with a 1-0 victory. Butcher had a slight strain and had defencemen Dean Anderson kicking for him.

Western's single goal came from Ree San on a cross from Leo Savone with less than three minutes left to play.

The Vikes had many scoring chances, but the ball found the center of Western keeper Rob Lave's chest at every opportunity. The Vikes poured on the pressure in the final minutes and had two great shots headed out at the line – one by Lave and one by a defender.

As hosts the Vikes team were slotted in the tournament as the sixth seed. They ended up in the same pool as the No. 2 Mustangs. "Had we been ranked properly there wouldn't have been a problem," said Wilson.

It was a tightly played game that would have made a great final. "I wasn't overly upset about the loss," said Wilson. "If we tied Western, they would have had to score six goals on Saturday to make the final."

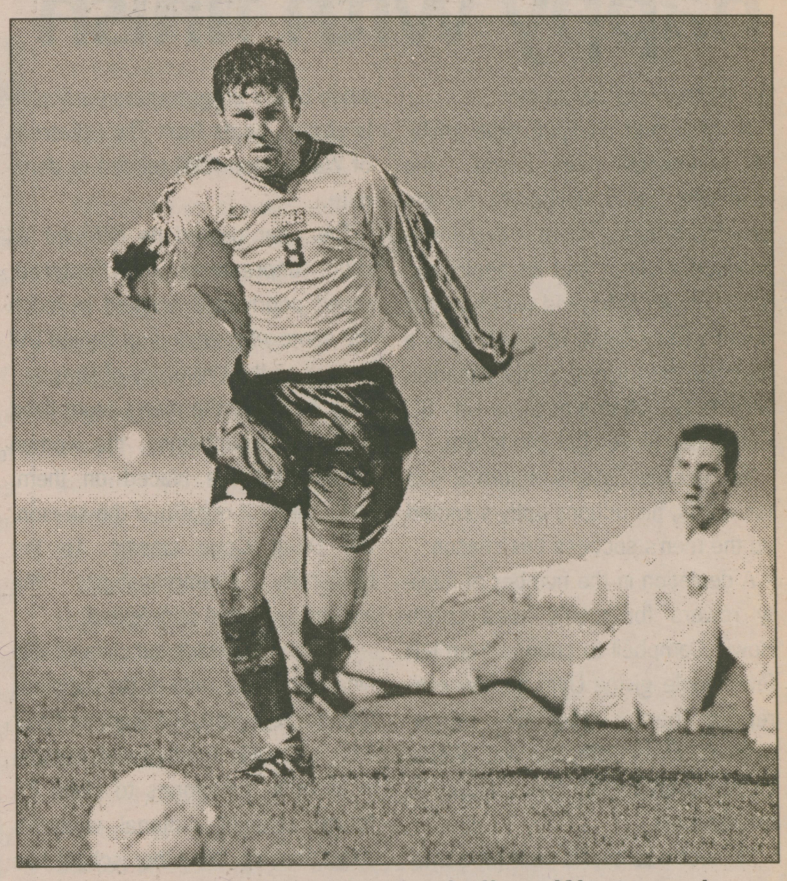
Saturday

Alberta Golden Bears' 1-1 tie with the Carleton Ravens was good enough to advance them to the finals on Sunday. The Ravens were on the board in the 23rd minute only to have the Golden Bears' reply five minutes later.

Victoria's last chance at the final slipped away when Western Ontario finished off the Dalhousie Tigers 3-0.

"It wasn't too tense on Saturday. There was no question of who was going to win," said Wilson. " It would have been a small miracle for Dalhousie to beat Western."

On a super soggy, muddy field the Mustangs' Martin Painter scored early. San put them ahead 2-0 at the half, and Alan Hume scored in the 49th minute. Fouls abounded late in the game and a frustrated Carelton squad received a couple of yellow cards due to reckless play.



Vikes' Scott Speed takes the ball as Western player watches from the grass on Friday night.

Martlet photo by Eric Ricco Hodgin

Sunday

The Vikes took home the metal for the bronze medal match against McGill. It was a display of championship calibre soccer as the Vikes outscored the Redmen 4-0.

"I was worried after the loss to Western, but the team showed class," said Wilson.

Speed opened quickly, putting the first goal away in the fifth minute. Mouritzen headed in a second off a free kick by Anderson at the 45th minute. The Vikes showed increasing strength right until the end. Gilbert and Owen also made it by McGill keeper Eddy Zuppel to round out the scoring. The Vikes' defence left little for Butcher to worry about.

Their Mustangs won their 25th consecutive victory over the Alberta Golden Bears to take home the gold medals and national banner. The 1-0 decision, like the game on Friday with UVic, could have gone either way. The luck of the bounce was with Mustang Xavier Paturel when he put one past Alberta goalie Nick Holt in the 47th minute.

Alberta had many chances to come back during the rest of the second half. One shot found the crossbar, another the post. Others were either just wide or just high. Mustang keeper Lave recorded his third shutout of the tournament.

The medal and awards presentation was held immediately following the final game. The Vikes squad received the award for most sporting team.

Wilson has no regrets about the tournament, his team came out and played to their full potential each game.

Wilson credits Patty Schmidt, Coordinator of Athletics at UVic with great organisation for the tournament, meetings for which started in July.

The team is not finished yet, they have a full schedule second semester and start training in January. Exhibition games against local colleges and men's teams, a three-game trip to Florida in reading break, and the spring cup in March will keep the team busy.

Wilson is looking forward to a different team dynamic in September. "It's the beginning of a new era," he said. Wilson now heads to Vancouver B.C. High School AA and AAA tournaments for scouting.

CIAU Major Award Winners

Player of the Year: Mike Potts (defender), Western; Rookie of the Year: Adam Plummer (striker), UBC; Coach of the Year: Rock Basacco, Western

First Team All-Canadians

Dominic Butcher (Victoria), Frank Pons (Concordia), Steve McMauley (UBC), Mike Potts (Western), Brodie McMurrier (UPEI), Rehan Ali (McGill), Nador Awanen (Dalhousie), Stephane Guibingua (UQAM), Alan Hume (Western), Mike Cowan (Queen's), Jeff Hibberts (Dalhousie).

Second Team All-Canadians

Jason Forsyth (McGill), Tino Brelak (York), Nico Craviero (Victoria), Jon Hasson (Western), Steve Wilson (Laurentian), Chris Delvin (St. Mary's), Tom Kiriakou (Toronto), Walter Martins (Brock), Logan Purdy (Toronto), Adam Plummer (UBC), Ree San (Western).

Tournament Award Winners

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Tournament All-Stars

1. Edson Brewster (Carleton)
2. Dean Anderson (Victoria)
3. Eric Munoz (Alberta)
4. Mathieu Harding (McGill)
5. Guy Anaba Anaba (McGill)
6. Kevin Gilbert (Victoria)
7. Rob Veenhof (Victoria)
8. Ree San (Western Ontario)
9. Mike Potts (Western Ontario)
10. Nick Holt (Alberta)
11. Xavier Paturel(Western Ontario)

Vikes' Zeke Cabell controls the ball while McGill players watch in bronze medal game on Sunday.

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on-campus

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off-campus

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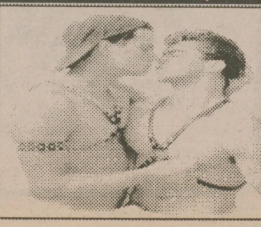

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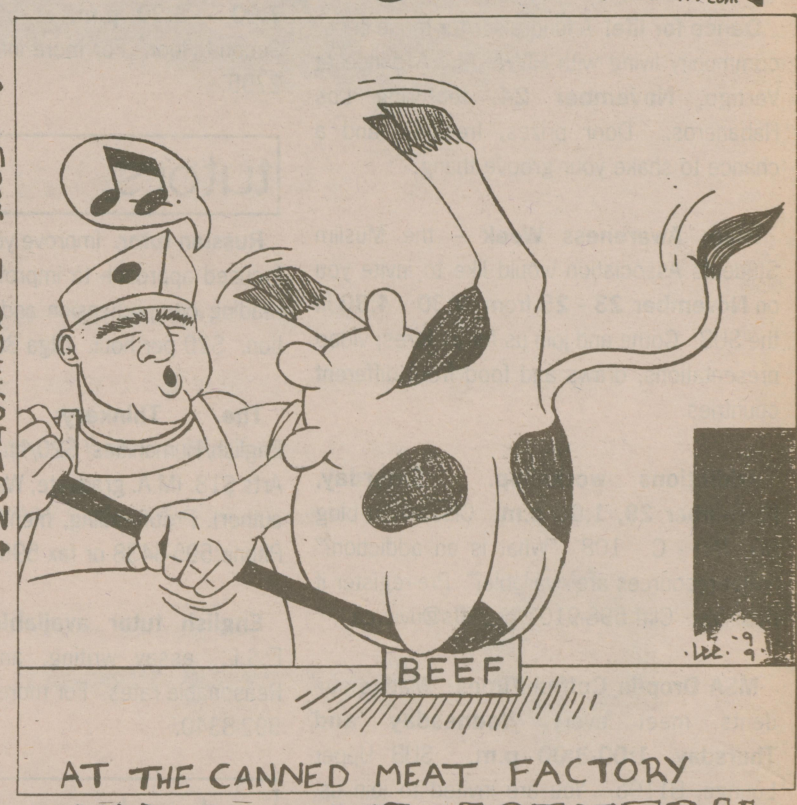

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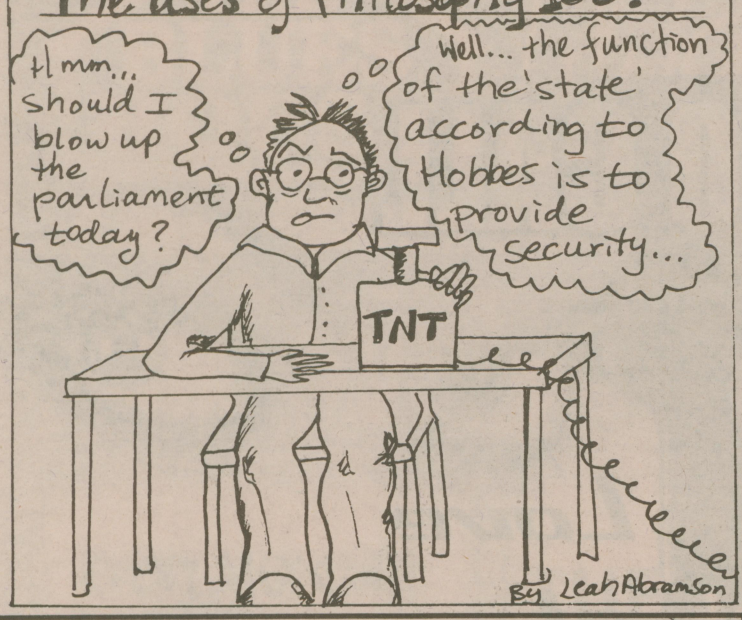

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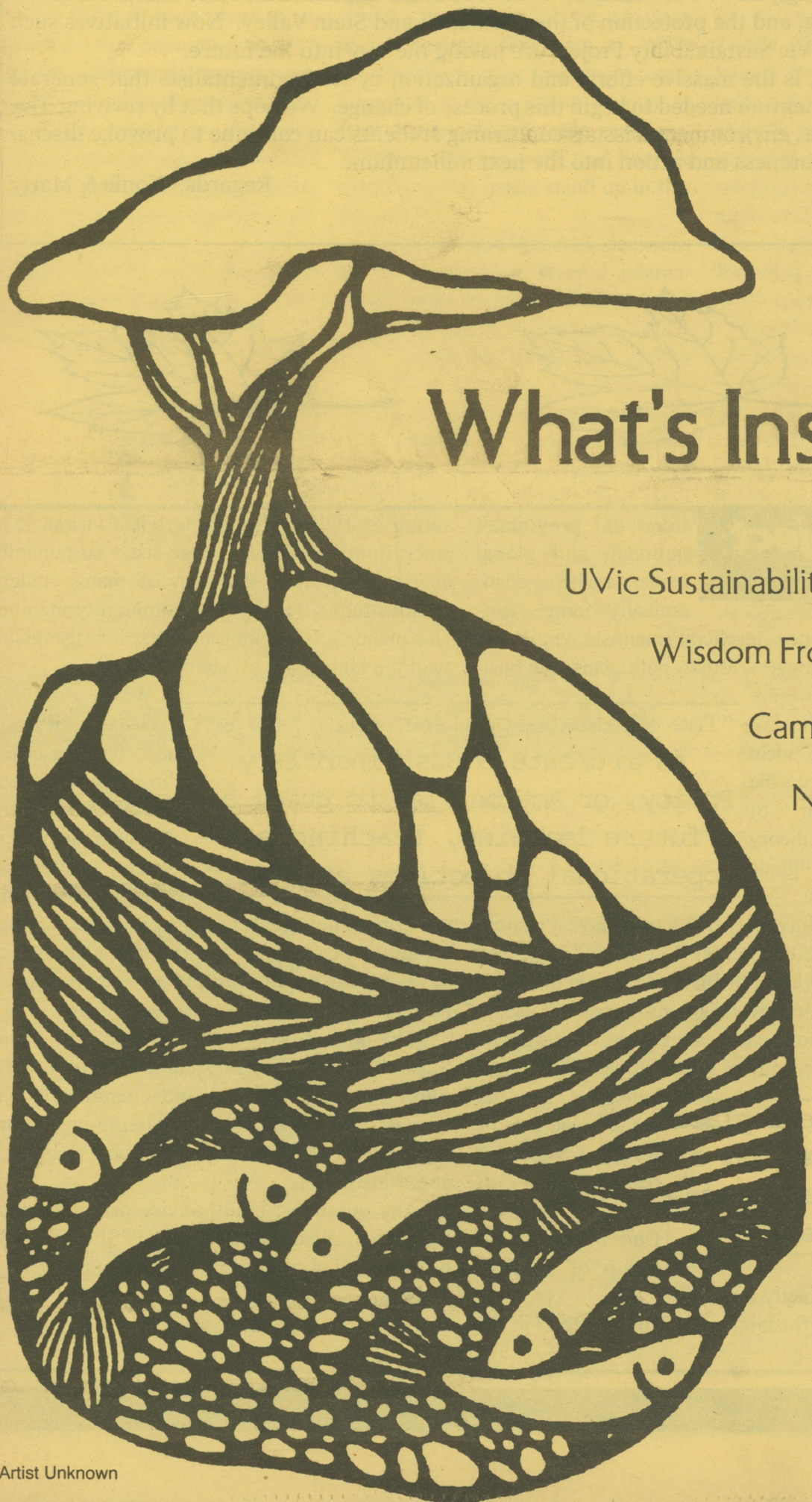

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Message From the Editors

The Essence traces its roots back to 1976. Throughout the late 80s and early 90s it grew into what we have today - an open forum to explore environmental issues both local and global.

This is the first volume since a hiatus in 1996. In sorting through past volumes, we gained an appreciation for the energy and commitment of past students of Environmental Studies.

However, we were dismayed that many current environmental issues today are the same issues discussed 10 to 15 years ago. Issues such as: protecting the Walbran, the Campus Green Plan, Aquaculture, Salmon Shortages, and Forestry Practices. We are concerned with how little action has been taken by governments and industry leaders to implement change over the past decade.

We can't be all negative. Positive changes have occurred but the pace has been infuriatingly slow. For example, we have seen the implementation of Campus and city recycling, and the protection of the Carmanah and Stein Valley. Now initiatives such as the UVic Sustainability Project are paving the way into the future.

It is the massive efforts and organization by environmentalists that generate the momentum needed to begin this process of change. We hope that by reviving The Essence, environmental issues concerning students can continue to provoke discussion, awareness and action into the next millennium.

Regards, Nonie & Marty

The UVic Sustainability Project

by Lindsay Cole

what is sustainability anyway?

Ask a hundred people and you are likely to get as many different responses. Like a work of art, this word can conjure up thousands of emotions, values, and interpretations.

Our generation is being challenged, or perhaps forced, to deal with this nebulous concept of sustainability and shape it into concrete and definitive action. Many are struggling to understand how this concept can be applied to alter our current course. We have the vision of what a sustainable world might look like, but the complex set of paths needed to get us there are often difficult to find or even nonexistent.

So let us bring this concept of sustainability down to a reasonable scale - our university campus. When compared to the globe, or even a city, the inputs and outputs of a campus are well defined and often measurable. We can see many of the environmental, social and economic factors at play within our Ring Road.

> "The university is the ideal place to test run the transformation of sustainability theory into concrete goals and objectives."

The university is the place where innovation and creativity run rampant. It's where the next generation of provincial, national, and global leaders are being academically borne. It is here that our new teachers, scientists, engineers, sociologists, lawyers, artists, politicians, and business people are being bred. The university is the ideal place to test run the transformation of sustainability theory into concrete goals and objectives.

> "The ultimate goal of this project is to create a Sustainability Policy, or Action Plan to guide all future learning, teaching and operational objectives at Uvic."

We at the University of Victoria have a responsibility to take this action; to our graduates who require a knowledge of sustainability, to the physical lands we occupy, for the resources we use, to the people who spend years living, working, and studying here, and to those students who will come to UVic after we're gone. How we deal with this responsibility is another issue. Currently there is a group of students working on exactly this.

The UVic Sustainability Project began in the spring of 1999 with nothing but a vision. It has since flourished into a large-scale sustainability action group with the help of many students, administrators, faculty, and community members. Our mandate is working together for sustainability at the University of Victoria.

We are working on a sustainability audit to determine exactly how the University of Victoria performs in the areas of: solid waste, water and energy efficiencies, environmental health, transportation, campus ecology, social character, campus planning and development, purchasing and investment, and curriculum and research.

The ultimate goal of this project is to create a Sustainability Policy or Action Plan to guide all future learning, teaching and operational objectives at Uvic. We are attempting to make this concept of sustainability an underlying ethic at our institution.

Any questions, input, advice or criticisms are welcomed. Please contact the UVSP at 721-0372 or by e-mail at uvsp@hotmail.com.

Camp Ecotopia: Bringing Youth Together

What do the backwoods of Alberta, 100 pounds of tofu, low pay, lots of overtime, a 1980 Macintosh computer, crazy fundraising, and cleaning outhouses all have in common?

These were all elements of my last summer job. Starting from almost scratch, four girls and I raised funding, planned, organized to create Ecotopia 1999, an environmental camp for Albertan youth. Loosely based on similar camps held in the Atlantic provinces and in Winnipeg, Ecotopia brought together 15 young (ages 15-22) Albertans to discuss, act on, and debate environmentalism.

We began planning the camp with many goals in mind. We wanted to get beyond single issue, myopic environmentalism by bringing together diverse issues, speakers, and people from all over Alberta. Characters from the backwoods of Alberta joined in with hipsters from Calgary to build this temporary horizontally-ordered space from which we could kick-start ecological initiatives in the province.

We wanted to critically challenge the way that we conceptualize being an environmentalist and deepen our understanding of what it means to be an activist. Those who participated (including myself) left thinking about what kind of communities we wanted to work towards and with a bit more power in our pockets, not to mention the new network of support and friends.

So how did we do this? It was relatively easy. There are several places to look for funding for this sort of endeavor. We were fortunate to get a fair bit of funding (over $20,000) from a wide variety of sources: the national, provincial, and local governments, as well as from Mountain Equipment Coop and EPCOR (the public energy utility in Edmonton). It ended up being $50 per participant for 10 days, with food and accommodation included.

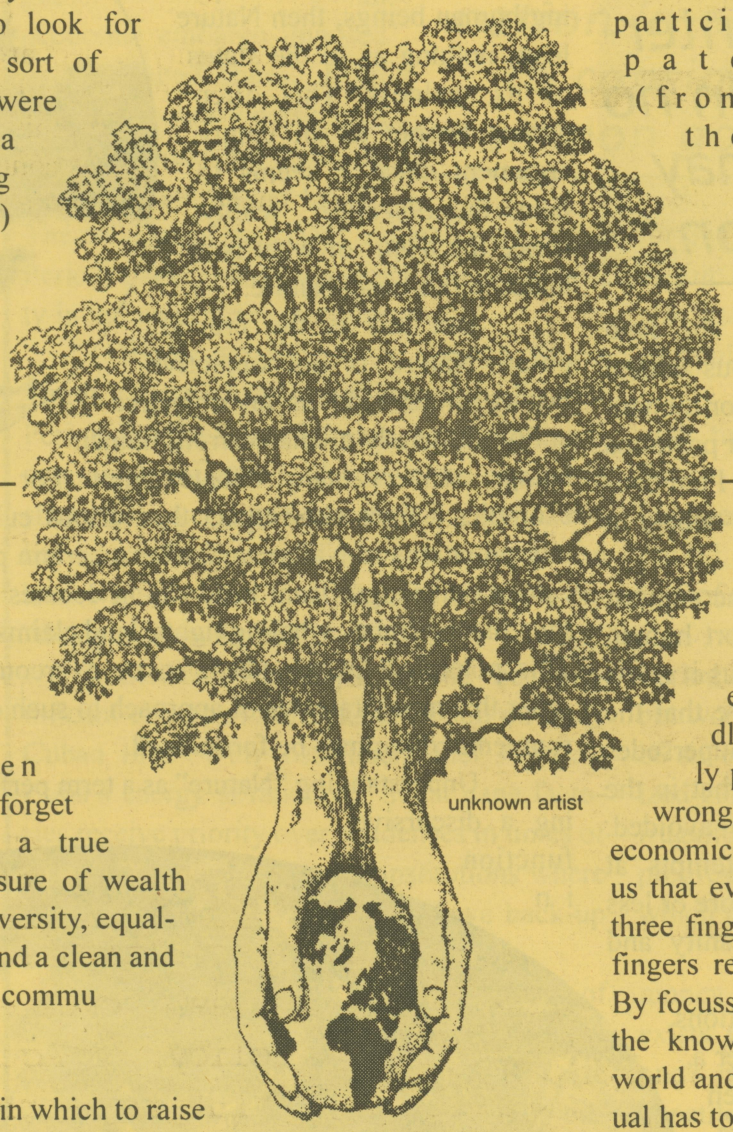
'Characters from the backwoods of Alberta joined in with hipsters from Calgary..'

Beyond the resource issues, we talked to people, got diverse and interested people to make commitments to participate (from the activist community, the University, government, and yes, even the corporate sector), rounded up volunteers, tried to get low-cost publicity all over Alberta, a place to hold the camp.

Okay, so it wasn't that easy, but with some labour grant money, which is fairly easy to secure, you can pay yourself for the summer and have an amazing experience.

Other projects are just waiting to be discovered and funded. Maybe a millennium project? The Millennium Bureau has funding... www.millennium.gc.ca. What about a BC version of Ecotopia? I have compiled a list of possible funding sources that I am more than willing to share. For more information, contact: dempseyj@uvic.ca.

By Jessica Dempsey



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Wisdom From Bioneers '99

by: Spencer Brown and Claire Day

Imagine a weekend immersed in an atmosphere of inspiration, hope and contagious optimistic energy. We recently attended the Bioneers'99 conference in San Francisco on October 29th to 31st, with more than 2000 other like-minded souls. It was an experience that changed our lives and renewed our faith in the human spirit

The Bioneers '99 : Restoring the Earth, was the 10th anniversary conference in a series hosted by the Collective Heritage Institute. Held in San Francisco, it brought together great minds and speakers such as Fritjof Capra and Julia Butterfly-Hill to discuss environmental issues and philosophies.

We all know that simple, relatively arbitrary things such as driving our cars to school leads to global warming and subsequent ecological impacts that we can hardly begin to foresee, but what does this mean? If we can't see or feel the effects of our actions and how they relate to us, why should we give them a second thought? The answer lies in what Fritjof Capra (systems theorist and founder of the Centre for Ecoliteracy) believes, that we are part of something greater, more complex and wonderful than we can ever begin to comprehend: the planet, our home.

When we forget that a true measure of wealth is diversity, equality and a clean and safe community in which to raise our children, we forget what we are here for. By realizing that every choice, every decision, every action we take, somehow, in some way, affects something or someone else, we begin to realize the power and responsibility that comes with the knowledge of this newfound understanding. This responsibility can manifest itself in every aspect of our lives, as it has for Julia Butterfly-Hill. While each speaker at this conference provided strong, concrete ways to begin to restore our relationship with ourselves, with each other, and with our home, for us as youth activists, the most significant and influential workshop we participated in at Bioneers was with Julia.

Only age 23, Julia Butterfly-Hill has been atop a 1000 year-old tree named Luna for nearly two years in protest of the logging practices in the old growth forests of the Pacific Northwest. Julia talked to us via cell phone, relaying a message that will not be easily forgotten and that is especially true for us as part of the middle class developed world. We consistently point the finger at various problems and wrong doings in our world, be it social justice, economic or environmental issues. She reminded us that every time we point this finger, there are three fingers pointing back at us. For Julia, these fingers represent power, responsibility and love. By focussing on the responsibility that comes with the knowledge of the various injustices in our world and the undeniable power that each individual has to influence change, while remaining rooted in love and peace, we can truly begin to cultivate a safer, happier, more just, and a sustainable world.

We came away from this conference inspired and empowered, realizing the extent to which each one of us can and must play a role in creating a positive future and that at the root of our problems lies in our value system. The challenge of applying the wisdom we gathered at Bioneers is that we live in a society which teaches our children to think linearly rather than holistically, perpetuating a materialistic culture which values individuality, competitiveness and monetary wealth.

For more information on Bioneers: contact www.bioneeers.org

A Natural Polemic: The Ambiguity of Nature

by Michael Lis

What is Nature? From the western environmental the perspective, Nature is that entity which demands protection from the exploitative efforts of a pervasive capitalist enterprise.

Nature is posited as that *thing* which, suffering from the irreverence of a society which seeks to maximize its control over its environment, is left to fend for itself. Today environmentalists among various camps are engaged in an often exhausting argument over what constitutes the most authentic basis upon which to mount a defense in the name of this thing called Nature.

"Where one may interpret Nature to be in no threat another may see a crisis situation."

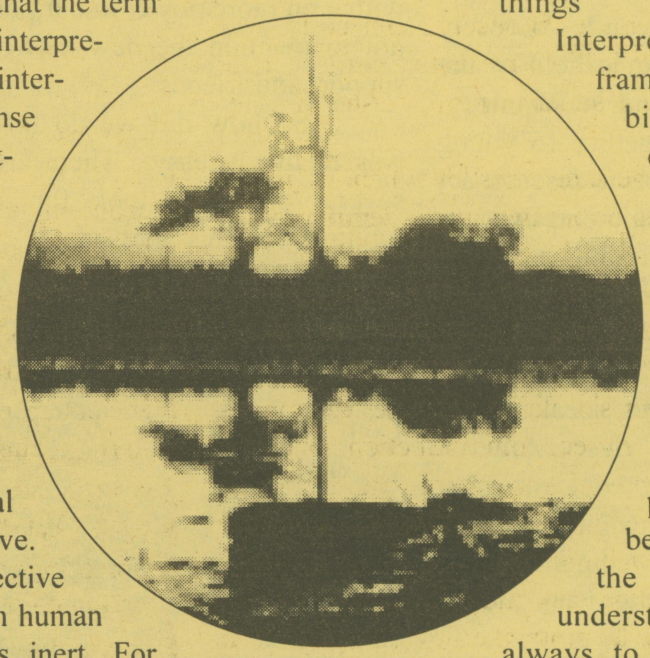
Anthropocentrism, biocentrism, the land ethic, deep ecology; all describe various ethical positions of what is best for Nature and/or humanity may assume. Of course there are other positions with perhaps more specific agendas, but I am concerned here with what today shapes the debate in its generality.

At one end of the spectrum some suggest that the natural environment will support human use indefinitely and so it should be left as it is. At the other end we find some who believe that the "intrinsic value" of Nature ultimately supersedes human necessity and so human action that in the least interferes with Nature should be avoided. Between these extremes we have attempts at philosophies which seek to establish a more or less harmonious relationship between humanity and Nature.

However, none of the above positions, with the exception of deep ecology, offer a perspective in which humanity is not seen as opposed in some way to Nature. Nature is consistently interpreted as "other", as that "thing" *out there* which we have enslaved and which now in desperation begs of us *our* pity. Within these positions there exists a fundamental assumption that society persists only in opposition to Nature and conversely that Nature only has significance insofar as it can support society. Following some suggestions advanced from a typically deep ecological standpoint I will attempt to posit some further initiatives specifically in terms of a preliminary "Politics of Nature." With a few provisional suggestions of my own I would like to encourage a specific current of thinking which I hope will illuminate what we mean when we refer to this thing called Nature.

So then what is Nature? Is it merely a conceptual social construct devoid of any *reality*? Yes and no. Yes it is a conceptual construction but no, not merely. The nature/culture dichotomy, in the history of western thought, has more or less been taken to be a given fact. Humankind has made itself, in the words of the contemporary Canadian philosopher Neil Evernden, a "natural alien."

As for the *reality* of Nature, why should it be any less real? If we accept that the term "Nature" refers to a particular interpretation of environment and that interpretations are real, in the sense that they exist for us as interpreting human beings, then Nature loses nothing as to the status of its realness. This often strikes people as an empty argument since it seems to deny the *objective* reality, hence the *truth* of what is at hand; in this case, Nature.



But this is the crucial point: Nature is not objective. Nature understood as an objective entity ultimately alienated from human beings, renders many debates inert. For example, it does not respect the various cultural interpretations of Nature and, after a certain point, cannot make significant headway in debates over, say, fishing rights, whaling rights, land claims etc.. This polemical inertia needs to be overcome in order that new strategies of approach to such environmental dilemmas be formulated.

Understanding "Nature" as a term performing a discursive function in a multitude of debates, it becomes clear how it is possible for so many people to seemingly make reference to the same "truth" yet come out with such divergent prescriptions for action. Each position bases its prerogatives on a slightly different interpretation of environment and, calling it the true "Nature," prescribes a certain mode of action. Where one may interpret Nature to be in no threat another may see a crisis situation. This is the polemic of Nature; in effect a "natural polemic."

Interpretations are representations or descriptions of how we understand a certain thing or situation to be. But, and this is the second crucial point, interpretations constitute the things themselves. Interpretations are the frameworks of intelligibility by which we construct our understanding of the world. Our frameworks, or paradigms, not only shape the way we view the world but shape the world itself. We, as interpreting human beings, operate within the boundaries of our understanding but seek always to further our understanding since, implicit in our understanding, is the understanding that there is more to be understood. This is why the spraying of DDT on some busy public beaches in the sixties to suppress insects was then encouraged whereas now we understand such an action to be nearly suicidal.

By no means is the so-called *natural* environment in a state of stasis, nor is our social environment. Both are inextricably intertwined; although they are distinct they remain inseparable. Understood as such it is of utmost importance that we recognize the mutual influence on one another not strictly in biological terms but also in terms of the socialization and politicization of Nature. Where this elusive signifier "Nature" fits in to our current paradigm is controversial and I suggest that this is because it is constituted as a fundamental ambiguity. It is the mysterious "other" which informs the ecologist of one thing and the economist of the opposite.

I suggest that initiatives be taken to reformulate the present western interpretation of Nature such that humanity comes to be regarded as an integral aspect of environment rather than as stew-

ard and master. Such a reformulation requires the efforts of many people across many disciplines. Again, I emphasize that a reformulation of this kind should not be constrained to the strictly biological, nor to the strictly philosophical fields but rather should derive its content from both and also from the fields of politics, sociology, economics, engineering and so on.

Of course such a multifaceted effort will not realize itself easily since today many debates concerning the natural environment remain locked within the respective spheres of biology, ecology, philosophy etc. The generation of a discourse which transcends the boundaries of these spheres and allows itself to be carried out in the open spaces between them could bear much fruit and as such lead to presently unforeseeable advances in the debates surrounding the issue of environmental degradation.

I suggest that the categories by which we assign knowledge themselves be brought under scrutiny since these categorizations, at one time adequate, may no longer be so; especially in environmental issues which concern everyone. At the margins of every specialty there exists a possibility for overlap and communication with another. No longer should we consider economics to perform an exclusively economic function, or biology to merely describe the functions of life, but rather see these fields of knowledge and others as, to a greater degree, engendering each other.

With these preliminary and provisional suggestions I hope primarily to motivate new approaches to current debates concerning the environment, but also more generally to offer some food for critical thought. If we are fundamentally alienated from Nature then I suggest it is we who have made it so. But I would like to think that at heart it is a matter of how we approach the issue, and that to overcome such a fundamental alienation we need only reexamine the fundamentals of our world-view; that is our interpretations or paradigms.

"Nature is consistently interpreted as 'other', as that 'thing' out there which we have enslaved and which now in desperation begs of us our pity"

I realize that for the general reader an article like this one may come off as being intractably theoretical but it is my belief that over time theory invariably permeates practice. Positive change does not come about easily and so it is important that we tarry with what is at first difficult and apparently problematic in order that positive change may occur.

For those interested in pursuing this line of thinking further I suggest as a starting point picking up some of the following books: "The Reenchantment of the World" by Morris Berman, "The Social Creation of Nature" and "The Natural Alien: Humankind and the Environment" both by Neil Evernden as well as the classic "Ecology, Community and Lifestyle" by Arne Naess. Enjoy.

Sustainability through Scarcity: Cuba is "Doing More with Less"

by Liz Ferguson

Cuba. Instantly visions of rum, cigars, pineapples and sunshine do a salsa in our minds. This romanticized image is only a partial truth, one that tourists lying on the pearly white coasts of Varadero will know. In reality, economic suffering and resource scarcity is what this nation faces.

Must we be part of a socialist, sanctioned nation in order to consider common good?

Since the 1959 revolution, Cuba has been the target of an economic embargo imposed by the United States. Until 1989, the country persevered with little hardship thanks to trade with the former USSR. The collapse of the USSR initiated the Special Period; Cuba entered a time of forced frugality in the face of scarce resources.

While working with Canada World Youth, I experienced the effects of the Special Period firsthand in Chambas, an agricultural community of central Cuba. In the economic struggle to keep its head above water, Cuba has adopted resourceful ways of promoting a less wasteful and yet pleasant lifestyle by "doing more with less".

Electrical shortages are the most significant effects of the Special Period on daily Cuban life. With insufficient fuel supplies, Cuba's energy is rationed. Sugar cane factories receive priority over residences in times of high production. However, institutions where power is crucial (eg hospitals), have back-up generators.

Though Cuba is in the process of establishing cost-effective methods of energy production (eg solar power, sugar cane waste combustion) it must settle for existing oil-dependent generators.

Thus, Cuban citizens are far less dependent on electricity than industrialized nations. Life does not come to a halt when the lights go out. These people have adapted by seeking out other ways to get the job done and accepting the personal inconvenience for the good of the entire nation. "It has taught us not to waste the little we have," says Armando, chief of the electrical company in Chambas.

Transportation has also undergone drastic changes due to lack of fuel and parts for repair. Prior to the Special Period, public transport was favorable and dependable. Now, it is complicated, crowded or absent.

So what does one do if the bus doesn't come? Hitchhike.

"Botella" (hitchhiking) is an everyday occurrence. In fact, it is strongly encouraged if not enforced by the state. Officials monitor vehicles (except tourist vehicles) for the amount of space available and aid hitchhikers in finding a ride.

Forced reduction of mechanized transportation has been the driving force behind innovative, environmentally-friendly techniques of transport for personal and business endeavors. Animal traction is the most visible of these methods and is used for: mail and newspaper delivery; and garbage pickup services. Organizations and businesses also use cooperative efforts to carry out their particular services.

Paper is also sacred. Students write with tiny print on donated notebooks from France and Canada. Over-packaging is clearly absent, every bottle, jar and plastic bag is reused. Bottom line: sustainability is a function of scarcity.

In looking at the results of the Special Period on the Cuban lifestyle, I cannot help but wonder whether it will take the equivalent of an economic embargo to force industrialized countries to act with the same degree of frugality. We are so caught up in growth and progress that we fail to notice the way in which this contradicts sustainability.

In a country where all one needs is money to have anything one desires, there exists a larger struggle to truly live within one's means and not fall victim to consumer appetite. It goes against the grain of a capitalist society! Thus we find ourselves torn between conservationist cries of "Don't waste it! Don't buy it! Don't throw it away!" and consumer whispers of "More! Richer! Better!"

Perhaps if members of developed nations could rid themselves of this ludicrous attitude of "more is better" and assume the Cuban ideology of "doing more with less", they might cease to fight against one another as greedy, ambitious individuals. Instead they could work together towards environmental and economic sustainability. Economic upheaval and resource scarcity has helped Cuba develop a unique relationship with the environment. Must we be part of a socialist, sanctioned nation in order to consider common good?

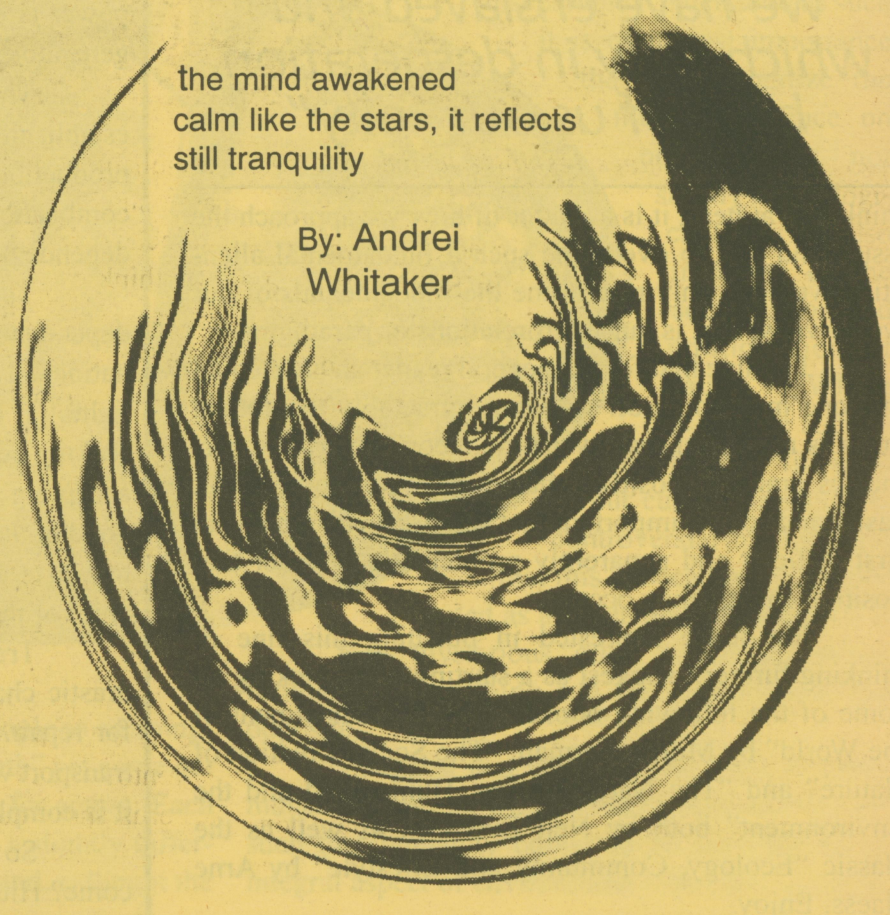
Poetry

I think it must have been an eternity,
where that idea found itself in the form
but not in essence.
It must have been heard even through the clatter and thickness
of that foggy daydream,
always the ideal before the real....
And when we searched through ourselves to find something within,
yet it wasn't outside, lost in the woods
I think I heard it in a story by the fireplace.
Was it the music that flattered the walls,
as if decour of the room,
could be sculptured in a silent hush.
An accomplishment only seen and heard by the intellectually trained zygote
who was silent until someone said, "shhh, it'll be
alright, I promise I won't hurt you."
And the stars wished the inconceivable, unforgotten memories
still persisting somewhere in the cosmic dust.
That dust which caught the frenzy of emotion, passions which the blind unfold,
traces the outlines of a ferocious city,
and the nomads lurking unrelentless towards nothing.
And we sat up all night listening to jazz, contemplating life while being locked in a closet
and proposing alternatives towards the insane.
The world in conjunction with the really real, lost in a frenzy of cosmopolitan nihilism
waiting fro some unforeseen revelation through the static image
of the blank mind of television
So I guess we were waiting...waiting for the second coming whose
Reality is proved through the existence of a dream, waiting for
A second dose, the peripheral perception of implausibility to the
Faintest recollection of yesterday, waiting for a comfort through
Human compassion like the way he used to hold my hand dissolving
Through the unexplainable with the words we must have spoke, waiting
For the emergency exit to appear in an empty wall, where we
Imagine a different world and make conquest of our imagination.

By: Tonya Mousseau

Hence to the meaning of life.
A tree falls in the forest.
A leaf falls to the ground.
Butterflies flutter about.
Love is gently revered.
A river runs on and on.
Ever so trickling onward.
But what is life:
Yearning to please a friend?
Endlessly striving to compare on to another?
In essence,
A sun
Sets once again.
Life is nature's way of portraying beauty.

By: Tonya Mousseau



the mind awakened
calm like the stars, it reflects
still tranquility

By: Andrei Whitaker

WTO Prioritizes Trade Over the Environment and Human Rights

by Kendra Claire

Why are people afraid of the World Trade Organization (WTO)? This question guided my research into the WTO and its effects on the environment.

The WTO publications initially give the impression that the organization genuinely interested in protecting the environment. They list Sustainable development as an objective and reinforced the need to protect and preserve the environment is . Furthermore, they acknowledge the results of the 1992 Earth Summit.

On the WTO web page, there is an entire section that attempts to dispel the idea that commercial interests are prioritized over environmental protection. The organization maintains that countries can take individual measures to protect the environment, as long as the measures are fair to all countries involved.

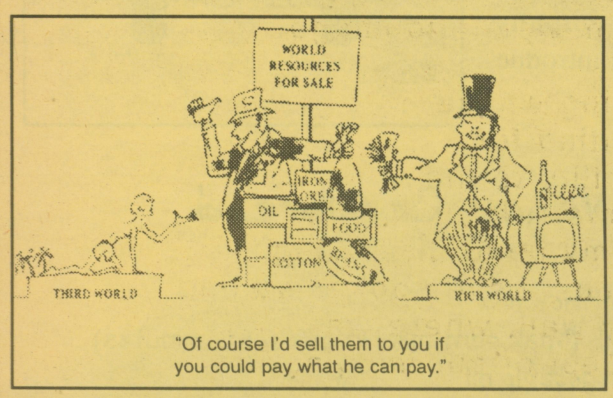
So how does the WTO decide on fairness? When a country has a complaint regarding the trade laws or regulations of another country, that country (or union of countries) can take their complaint to the WTO. A three-member panel of trade bureaucrats then decides, in a closed (secret) session, whether or not the challenging country was discriminated against. During these trials, the challenged country must prove without a doubt that its rules do not discriminate against any country. When a final decision is released, the losing country has a defined amount of time in which they must do one of three things: change their law to WTO specifications, pay permanent compensation to the winning country or face non-negotiated trade sanctions. So the WTO has teeth, but how do environmental issues stand up in this process?

I was shocked that ALL decisions by the WTO have favored international trade over environmental and human rights concerns. This is illustrated in the case involving U.S. and Canadian beef exporters who challenged the ban by the European Union on the sale of hormone treated beef. The WTO's final decision agreed with the North Americans. The ban was deemed by the WTO to be an unfair trade barrier as the Europeans could not prove that hormone treated beef imposed a health threat, despite public support for this ban. I find this case frightening as it sets a precedent which prevents legal action based on the precautionary principal which was widely accepted at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Thus, demonstrating that the WTO has not adopted the recommendations of the 1992 Earth Summit.

I find the WTO's history of decisions alarming. This feeling is heightened when I think that at the end of November the WTO will hold its third ministerial meeting in Seattle. This meeting is meant to launch three years of international trade talks on liberalizing international trade in areas such as the service industry, agriculture, genetically-modified organisms, eco-labeling and a global free trade logging agreement. The results of these talks could mean forfeiting areas of our lives to more WTO control.

I understand that there are benefits to free trade, however I argue that the WTO has gone too far. I believe that the environmental impacts of the current WTO regulations need to be reevaluated. This must be done before the WTO is expanded and more rules created. As Canadians, we are members of a democratic society, yet our government is forfeiting its control, and therefore our rights, to the WTO. The sad thing is, most Canadians don't realize the impact that the WTO has on our everyday lives. From our forests to the food we eat the WTO is quickly gaining control.

I object to the secrecy of the WTO and expansion of its rules before an evaluation of their current regulations is complete. So what can I do? I, like you and other informed people, must raise the level of awareness regarding the WTO. I urge you to make your presence known at the meetings in Seattle November 30th - December 3rd 1999. Also, on Saturday, November 27, there will be a march and rally in Downtown Victoria. Meet at 12 noon in Centennial square.



"Of course I'd sell them to you if you could pay what he can pay."

Source: Trainer, F.E. 1985 Abandon Affluence

WTO Quick Facts

WTO Created By: Uruguay Round GATT negotiations (1986-94)

Members: 134 member countries, and 33 more with 'observer status'

Functions:
Administering WTO international trade agreements
Forum for trade negotiations
Handling trade disputes

Ministerial Meetings:
Singapore December 1996
Geneva May 1998
Seattle November/December 1999

Faculty Responds to the WTO

by Kendra Claire

Dr. Paul West, Director of the School of Environmental Studies response to the following questions:

Q. In November, the World Trade Organization is holding ministerial meetings in Seattle. Why do you think 'the environment' keeps coming up as an important issue at these meetings? How do you feel Canadian environmental issues are related to the World Trade Organization?

Answers: Concerns over the upcoming WTO Ministerial meetings are increasingly focusing on the impact of Accelerated Tariff Liberalization on the quality of individual and community life....encompassing not only the environment but also local empowerment,effects on indigenous people,and access to health care. I see the Environment as part of this Coalition of Concern.

Reflecting on the removal of tariff and then non-tariff barriers....one sees a movement to a free market in labour, culture and even the "environment". What does that mean? It means great difficulty in establishing and enforcing local standards and assessment processes,and in maintaining non-monetary values important to a community. While we think we would be immune as Canadians, recent WTO rulings on economic subsidies suggest that pressure to go to a common and minimal global environmental standard could intensify.

It is worrisome that Canada is lobbying to have export of its nuclear technology to developing countries count as tradable credits for meeting its global climate change target. Could we then maintain higher Co2 emissions in Canada? More 4x4's in Toronto? Such arrangements to meet the Kyoto accords show how economic expediency can be rationalized to avoid life style change. The concern is that the WTO will also be vulnerable to such expediency on environmental issues.

But WTO and globalization have an even darker undercurrent....the growth of the mega-city,the mega-corporation,even the mega-university, and a new nomadic existence for individuals. I heard the President of UBC Martha Piper almost bursting with enthusiasm as she brightly said that in the 21st century a person will be born in one country,raised in a second,go to university in a third(clearly UBC),work in a fourth,retire in a fifth ,and she said triumphantly even die in a sixth!!

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What a sad and soulless world that would be! Where would community be? How would traditional knowledge be preserved?who would watch and steward the ecological restoration of a stream, a process that takes a human lifetime?

BOOK REVIEW

Teaching Children to Abuse the Environment

Review by Patti Edgar

Facts, Not Fear: Teaching Children about the Environment

Micheal Sanera and Jane S. Shaw

When a child looks up at you with innocent eyes and asks if using Styrofoam cups is bad for the environment, what do you say?
For adults who feel a little guilty about recycling, need a justification for driving their car to work, or just want to feel comfortable eating at McDonald's all the answers are contained in a new book called *Facts, Not Fear: Teaching Children about the Environment.*

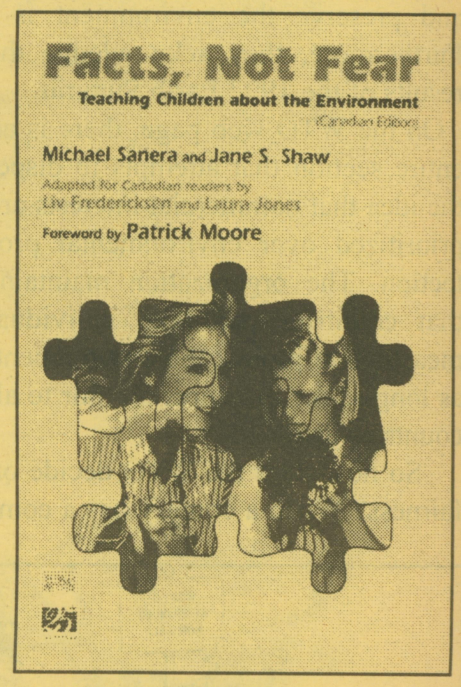
Jane S. Shaw, one of the editors, writes that she was inspired to pen the book after her son David asked her to stop using Styrofoam cups. "[Jane] knew that using plastic does not harm the Earth any more than using paper or glass," reads the text. "But how could she explain it to a seven-year-old? And what else had David learned that was mistaken? And how could she dare undermine his trust in his teachers, who were, after all her friends?"

The book holds parents and teachers hands as it tackles environmental issues, by first giving examples of "environmental indoctrination in Canadian schools" and then dispelling the "misinformation...children have been taught."

In the chapter on global warming the authors explain that global warming, if it even exists, will be good because warmer weather would reduce heart disease and respiratory illness and carbon dioxide would increase plant growth. Automobiles are great inventions, explain the authors, because "farmlands returned to forest because we didn't need so many fields for hay [and] city streets became cleaner without all that manure." To make children feel better about global warming, the book advises that parents read stories about dinosaurs, who happily frolicked in the carbon dioxide-rich vegetation.

If the book reads like a holier-than-thou script, it's because it was originally published in the United States by the Alabama Family Alliance, a free-markets lobby group that is affiliated with Focus on the Family and calls for a return to Judeo-Christian values. The Vancouver-based Fraser Institute— whose donors include logging companies, oil producers, car manufactures and other people with a financial stake in public perception of environmental problems— rewrote the book for a Canadian audience. Patrick Moore, the environmentalist-turned-friend-of-the-forest-company, even wrote the Canadian introduction.

The book makes one important point: in the classroom, children should be given a science-based understanding of environmental problems. But the authors' selective presentation of the facts—and sometimes completely illogical conclusions—prove *Facts, Not Fear* misleading, rather than the textbooks they criticize.
Sometimes, it takes the innocence of a child concerned about Styrofoam, to grasp the truth.

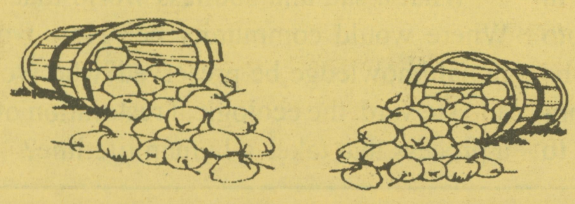


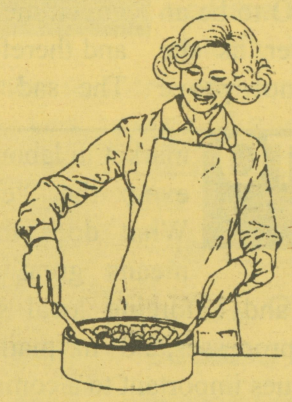
Recipes

Pasta with Vegan Bolognese Sauce

8 oz tempeh
2 tbs olive oil
1 medium onion, finely chopped
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
1 grated carrot
1 red/green pepper
1 tbs tamari/soy sauce
1 28 oz can tomato puree (or diced tomatoes for a thinner sauce)
1 can tomato paste
4 tbs finely chopped fresh basil (or 1 Tbs dried bail)
2 tsp oregano and time
1 tbs parsley
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
salt and pepper (if desired)

Saute onion and garlic in oil, about 5 minutes. Add tempeh and soy sauce, then grated carrot and pepper. Saute for 5-10 minutes until liquids have drained off. Add rest of ingredients. Cover and simmer sauce for about 20 minutes. Serve over your favorite pasta.





Vegan Cornbread

1 cup soymilk or rice milk
1 cup cornmeal (soak corn meal in milk for 5 minutes)
Add: 1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup brown sugar/honey
1 Tbs baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 cup whole wheat flour

Pour mixture into a greased pan. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes (or until fork comes out clean)

Orange and Maple Caramelized Yams

3 pounds yams/sweet potatoes
1 Tbs olive oil
1 tsp curry powder
1 Tbs grated ginger
zest and juice from 2 oranges
1/4 cup, maple syrup
2 Tbs cilatro or parsley chopped
1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Pre-heat oven to 400°. Cut yams into small squares. Combine with rest of ingredients in a baking dish and bake for about 1 hour, until juices have been reduced to a thick sauce.

Recipes by: Danielle Deutscher